

Dear Parents

I hope everyone is safe and well.

I'm just reaching out to key worker parents who have children due in school tomorrow and I want to be completely honest...

Please, please only use us as a last resort, emergency care childcare. I'm really concerned that I won't be able to keep everyone in school two metres apart and despite all the stringent hygiene measures that are in place, the school is nowhere near as safe as the children's homes.

I have a reduced number of staff and it feels as though I'm being asked by the government to bring too many people into one building, which obviously increases the chance of infection despite everything I'm trying to do to minimise it.

The last thing I want to do is frighten anyone and I'd be very grateful if this post was kept away from children but I have to be absolutely honest and tell you that school is the last place to be at the moment. Whilst I, and some of my staff, are well enough to take that risk, it's a risk that parents should only be taking if faced with absolutely no other option.

The advice from the education secretary and government over the weekend was that if a child can stay at home, then they must.

If your child absolutely has to come to school tomorrow, do not walk in with anyone else and maintain a two metre distance at all times.

I know some of you as key workers are in the same impossible position that I'm in. I'm simply trying to minimise risk and keep as many people safe as possible.

Let the office know asap if you can manage in another way and can keep your child safely at home.

Thank you and stay safe.

Daniel Barron