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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support during these challenging times. After the address made by the Prime Minister on Monday evening, it is evident that the seriousness of the situation is accelerating and that we must do all we can to reduce the spread of the virus and protect our staff and your families.

With the safety of our staff and your children being paramount, we ask that you only send your children to school if **both parents are frontline key workers** and if **you have absolutely no other choice**. We also ask that you only use the childcare provision on days when you are actively working away from home. It is unacceptable to put our staff and our children at risk if either parent is working from home.

As more and more of our staff need to self-isolate to protect themselves and their families, we need to keep staffing to a minimum and we will need to keep reviewing our provision. We will keep you up-dated on any changes.

We understand that these are very difficult and challenging times but ask you to support our community by only sending your child to school when there is no other choice. Although school is closed we are still here to support you in every way we can through home learning resources and by Dojo, emails or on the phone and we will continue to care for those children for whom school is the only option.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding. Hopefully if we work together we will all be back at school soon.

Mrs Chambers
Headteacher

