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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Requests for school places

Over the past few weeks, the number of phone calls we have had from parents and carers requesting a place for their children has increased dramatically. We have tried our best to support all of our families either through remote learning support in the form of ipads, laptops and data sims or by offering a place in school where we can.

Our school, like every other school in the country, is trying to balance parental requests with complying with lockdown regulations which ask us all to remain at home where possible and all do our bit to reduce the spread of Covid transmission. In order to keep our school as safe as we can for the children who are attending and for staff, we have outlined in our risk assessment that we will cap numbers at 50 % so that we can increase social distancing in school.

We have had a number of phone calls which have questioned why certain children are in school. Please can I assure you that the children who are in school have either been identified as vulnerable by school or have sent in proof to confirm their parents are key workers. We have taken this information in good faith and acted accordingly.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

As I have outlined in a number of letters and conversations with families, if requests for places becomes too high, we will have to reconsider the places allocated and use the following tiered system:

- Criteria 1- Vulnerable children
- Criteria 2- 100% key worker parents
- Criteria 3- 50% key worker parents

We may also limit access for children based on parent/ carer working patterns including those working part time, working from home or on long term leave from their job and so available at home.

These measures would be used to reduce numbers on site and support the partial closure of schools, limiting school attendance to help to support the reduction in the overall number of social contacts in our communities, which is a vital intervention in the context of current high prevalence of Covid-19.

During the course of this week, we are reviewing the information we already have in school and would ask that you complete the following form asap <https://forms.gle/TanKy6P3fMUjnHLJ8>

Based on the information we have, we may be contacting you this week to inform you that unfortunately, we can no longer offer a place in school for your child after half term. If you no longer require a place for your child after half term please contact the school office to let us know and we will remove them from the list.

As always, please contact school if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Mrs M Forrest

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