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Dear Parents and Carers

NEW CORONAVIRUS Guidance UPDATE

I hope you are keeping well. I would like to remind you of the importance of the new strict government guidelines on social distancing.

I am sure you are aware that there have been leaders speaking on the news today to reiterate that if children can stay away from school – **even those of key workers** – then it is **much safer** for them to do so, and to only allow your child to come to school as a last resort. **Do not put your child at risk!**

It has been disappointing and concerning that a small number of parents have been trying to secure a place at our schools for childcare reasons. Although we understand this is a difficult situation for all families, and especially for those who are working, we continue to follow government guidelines in keeping our staff and families safe.

I understand that there are some companies and work places putting pressure on parents to say that they are keyworkers. This is incredibly dangerous and will not allow the country to try and suppress the spread of this deadly virus.

So, if your work is not critical in the response to Coronavirus, then please DO NOT send your child to school or try to secure a place.

Thanking you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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