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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well and you have been able to find some positives in the challenges brought about by another national lockdown.

As you will be aware, our school is currently only open to vulnerable pupils and the pupils of critical workers in line with current Government guidance. The parents of critical workers were asked to request a place for their child, if needed, ahead of the school re-opening at the start of this term. Since this time, we have received many further requests each of which are carefully reviewed to determine if the place is necessary.

We now have almost 25% of our pupils physically attending school and some of our bubbles have reached the maximum number as set out in our school closure risk assessment.

Because the purpose of the partial school closures is to limit the contact we all have with other households in order to reduce the transmission of the virus and to ensure we comply with health and safety guidance **it may now not be possible to fulfil new requests for critical worker school places.** Our Google form for requests has closed and any enquiries which are received will be considered on a case by case basis.

If your child is currently attending school and you no longer require the place, at any time during the school closures, please let me know immediately. If your critical worker role is part-time or on a rota basis, we would kindly ask you to keep your child/ren at home on the days you are not at work. Please use the following form to indicate this <https://forms.gle/gdkj3BniRneoudQU9>

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during this time

Yours sincerely,

K. Hart

Mrs K Hart
Head teacher