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Dear Parent,

A number of **parents have chosen not to send their child to nursery** which we strongly support, as during a period of national lockdown in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within the community, this would assist with reducing the number of contacts that all of us have with people in other households and would be in line with arrangements in place for the rest of the school. The safest place for your child is at home.

Safety of our families and staff is our key priority

Our school nursery is open, however due to COVID-19 related operational reasons the school may have to temporarily reduce the number of places available in our school nursery to those who require a place.

During these periods of a temporary reduction in numbers, we will offer as many places as our risk assessment has established it is safe to offer. Parents who would like to continue to send their child to nursery will be offered places on the following priority basis, up to the maximum number of places that we can safely provide:

1. Those children who meet the Government's vulnerable criteria
2. Children whose parent/carer meets the Government's critical worker criteria
3. Children who do not meet the vulnerable or critical worker criteria

If you would like to take up your place, please let us know by calling the school office.

In order to keep those in school as safe as possible we have a staff rota system in place, this means the school nursery will be operated by different staff at times. For the same reasons the morning session or afternoon session may need to change. For example, if you currently have a morning place, we may need to ask you to move to an afternoon session.

Our school's risk assessment will be reviewed on a regular basis, in line with Government's COVID-19 guidelines and our ability to safely offer places, and we will make more places available to those parents who require a place when our risk-assessments indicate it is safe to do so.

If you choose to keep your child at home their nursery place will be held for when we fully reopen the school.

We ask for your continued understanding and cooperation in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

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