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Dear Parents,

It seems that although a great deal has changed in Britain since last week, things are changing rapidly and it is likely that the Government will introduce tougher measures to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

With this in mind I am writing to you regarding our current school opening arrangements.

The Government has stated that our childcare provision should only be used as a 'last resort' and '*if your work is not critical in the response to Coronavirus then please keep your child at home. This will help to halt the spread of the virus, protect the NHS and save lives*'. – Gavin Williamson – Minister for Education.

This essentially means that if your child has joined us as you are a key worker but:

- **Your partner is at home – Your child should remain at home**
- **Your own education setting is closed – Your child should remain home**
- **You work part time – Your child should only attend on the days you are working**

Just because you are a key worker and are entitled to this provision does NOT mean that you have to avail of it if you do not need it.

Of course it would be nice to have a day at home whilst the children are at school, in normal circumstances. These are not normal circumstances. Wherever possible we should be socially distancing. Everyone is safer at home.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to inform us that you no longer require the provision or certain dates please do contact me as soon as possible.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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