

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. I am sure we are all anxiously awaiting news from the Government in the next few weeks about when and how schools will be re-opening and hope that we can all return safely as soon as possible after the 8th March.

As we have said in previous letters, we do recognise that remote education is extremely difficult and we have been impressed with the engagement. We understand that it is very difficult to get the children motivated and keep them engaged - the teachers are having communications daily with parents who are finding this difficult and many parents feel like they are the only ones feeling this way. You are not alone! If you are not able to complete all the activities, ask the teacher which ones to prioritise and if some days you cannot manage to do anything, snuggle up and read a story.

As the lockdown progresses, we are getting more phone calls asking if children can have a place at school because families are finding home schooling difficult. Unfortunately, this is not something we can offer. The Government have been very clear that on-site provision is for children of [critical workers](#) and those that fall into the 'vulnerable' category. Even if you fall into the critical worker group, the advice is to keep your children at home if you can.

We are also finding that as lockdown progresses the bookings for critical workers has been increasing. We will be reviewing the bookings during the coming weeks and if the numbers continue to rise, we may say that we need a letter from your employer confirming your critical worker status and the days you work.

We will be closed during the week of **Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February** for **half term** and school is also closed on **Monday 22nd February** for our planned **INSET** day, updating all the staff's safeguarding training which is a requirement.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School.