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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing this letter to highlight the change in the Government's guidance as well as the updates from Cheshire East over the weekend. Please see the statements below regarding critical key workers:

- **Parents and Carers who are critical key workers should keep their children at home if they can.**

As I have already outlined in my previous letter, we have a large proportion of our school population currently attending (50%). This is significantly higher compared to the lock down in March, where only 6% attended. We recognise that it was and continues to be extremely difficult to manage both childcare and work for families, however, the figure in March shows that it was possible.

One positive change during this lockdown situation is that families are allowed to form childcare bubbles to support working parents. Whilst I appreciate that the current situation is hugely challenging for all families, I urge you all to review your own situation and re-evaluate if your need for a school place can be reduced. This is to enable us keep everyone as safe as possible and assist in reducing the transmission of the virus due to the limiting of contact.

In summary, in line with Government guidance:

- We will continue to offer a place for the children of critical key workers in school if you **cannot** work from home.
- Please only send your child in to school on the days that you are working outside of your home.
- We will have to review our risk assessments in line with Health and Safety guidance and will be required to look at alternative options should numbers remain high.
- We need to ensure that the school is not a vector for transmission, so by reducing daily numbers, we can protect children, staff and families.

I would like to reassure you that all the children, whether they are working from home or school, are accessing exactly the same bespoke learning activities/timetable following the current class topics, which are carefully planned and then delivered on Google Classrooms. All of my teachers and teaching assistants are working incredibly hard to provide learning opportunities for all of the children, reviewing the provision regularly.

I would like to thank all of the parents who have already reduced the amount of time that their children are attending school. However, correspondence will be sent out to some families today, regarding places. As per Cheshire East guidelines, we will be communicating with parents, where only one parent is a critical worker, to determine why the child cannot be at home or the family making use of a childcare bubble. We will, of course, be taking in to account individual circumstances.

Thank you for your support and for working in partnership with us for the safety of all.



*Nobody else is quite like me'*



Yours faithfully,

Joanne Carvell  
Headteacher



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