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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Current situation within school.**

As you are aware at the present time we are having to risk assess to ensure school is as safe as possible for all the pupils whose parents wish them to attend and for all the staff who are caring and educating these pupils.

We are also providing remote education and care for all those pupils whose parents wish them to remain at home during this period of national lockdown.

At present we have 51 pupils attending school and 43 pupils working from home.

At the present time the vast majority of our classes have reached their maximum capacity for safe working. If numbers increase, we will need to reduce the days pupils attend. All parents will be informed prior to any reduction in school days.

If your child is learning from home but your current situation has changed and you wish for your child to attend school you need to:

- a) Request a google form from the school office
- b) Complete the form
- c) For safety and the organisation of school you will need to request a place a week before our next wave, to allow time to update our risk assessments and potentially review provision for pupils in school.

Wave 1 began on Thursday 07<sup>th</sup> January, Wave 2 begins on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January and Wave 3 will begin on 04<sup>th</sup> February.

We hope that we will receive information from government that it is safe for all pupils to return to school, should their parents wish, following the half term break.

## **Closure of bubbles (i.e. those adults and pupils in close contact within school)**

This week we have begun to test our staff using a lateral flow test to identify if staff have Coronavirus. In our specialist setting with very vulnerable and extremely clinically vulnerable children, if anyone receives a positive lateral flow test, the bubble closes. All in that bubble will go home and the member of staff will have to go and have a further test (PCR) until we get confirmation that the test is positive/negative.

If the test is negative everyone can return immediately, if the test is positive then the whole bubble isolates for 10 days from the date of the PCR test. This is because our bubbles need to be treated the same as the advice for a family because the contact that is taking place within a bubble is like a family setting, and all government advice states that if any of their family tests positive they all must isolate for 10 days.

Thank you to our whole school community for working together to keep everyone safe.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Dellow

Headteacher.