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### Offer of Care for the next 2 weeks.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Having attempted contact with all our parents/carers today we now have a clearer understanding of families' individual needs. We are hugely grateful to all those families who have made the decision that they are able to safely care for their children in their home setting and we truly believe this is the safest option for all concerned.

Equally, we understand that the individual circumstances of some families make this impossible and we are therefore committed to deliver a safe, caring environment on school premises for these families. We hope these measures will reduce the pressure on the school staff and allow for the social distancing that is so vital to prevent the spread of infection.

We have identified **our key workers'** children and hope to honor a full service as requested by these parents. Wherever appropriate we have spoken to local schools to release our parents to provide care for their own children.

We have a small number of families who critically need some respite provision and we will put in place a minimum of a one day offer for these families.

There are a small number of pupils who fall into the **medically, highly vulnerable category** and for their safety we have decided not to offer provision at this time. We will be informing parents and the school nursing team of this decision.

There are also a minority of pupils who require physical intervention to support their conduct management. We have risk assessed the use of Advanced Team Teach and consider that we cannot practice this approach and enable effective infection control for staff and pupils. This means that pupils who require high levels of physical intervention and advanced team teach cannot be safely accommodated in school. We will be informing their parents/carers and the school nursing team of this decision.

We have also risk assessed positioning and personal care and feel that with the use of carefully considered hygiene practices we can enable effective infection control for staff and pupils.

We had hoped to be in a position to send home individual letters to parents today. However, contacting 198 families to assess their care needs has taken the full day. Therefore, to give us time to plan we are asking that **only the children of key workers who have requested**

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**Monday care attend school this Monday.** This does not include those who have already been released from this service by their school. The eligible pupil group will have transport provided as usual. We are sharing the list with Transport this evening.

If you are still unsure if your child will be accommodated in school on Monday please contact the school duty mobile on 07707036170, available between 5 and 6pm today, 5 and 6pm Saturday and 5 and 6pm Sunday. The offer for other families requiring services will be shared on Monday by email or phone where there is no email address available. We will commence our care offer for these families from Tuesday.

We recognise the sacrifice that many of our families have made in electing to provide home support for their children and we remain indebted to you all for your altruistic approach. We know that the families that really do need the support will all be most grateful.

At present we are hoping to have an Easter holiday offer, but we will confirm any provision next week.

Thank you and stay safe,



Louise Parrish & Angela Holdsworth  
(Headteacher & CEO of The View Trust)

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