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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and that you are coping with the current lockdown situation.

I just wanted to make you all aware of the school situation. We have had a much higher demand for key worker places in school in comparison to last year's lockdown, which has made it very difficult to organise our teaching bubbles in school so that they are safe. This then may have a knock - on effect on our future capacity to provide a quality remote learning package. The more staff in school face to face teaching, the less staff available for remote learning provision including drop-in sessions to support parents/carers and pupils with technical, learning and welfare issues. We do also have some staff who are shielding/self - isolating which affects staff capacity.

Furthermore, this means that there are increased bodies in school increasing the risk of the spread of COVID and the new variant. You will appreciate this increases the chances of pupils contracting and/or passing on the virus to other pupils and to staff which has also increased staff anxiety. Many staff themselves have vulnerable family members for whom they are responsible.

**I am therefore asking parents/carers who are using key worker provision to take a moment to review their own situations and to only send pupils in when they really need to and to use their current childcare/support bubbles where possible. If parents/carers are at home, wherever possible children should also be at home.**

Our situation at the moment is that we are unable to take any more pupils in our key worker bubbles without compromising the health and safety of the pupils and staff in school.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I know this is a very difficult time for all and we will of course continue to work closely with you all to ensure that pupils are supported and safe.

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