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Dear Parents/Carers

First of all I would like to thank you for the many kind and appreciate messages we have received in the last week. All the staff are trying their very best under difficult circumstances and really appreciated hearing that their efforts were not going unnoticed.

Now school is closed, we are in the position of hopefully contributing to the national effort to suppress the spread of the virus during the worst period yet in this pandemic. I am writing today to urge you to consider keeping your children at home. Even if you are a critical worker and are currently using the school as a last port of call for childcare, I appeal to you to think about whether you really need a place or can even just reduce the number of days your child attends.

In the last lockdown we usually had around 20-30 children on site. Last week we had around 150. Our priority as a school is to protect our children, our community and the frontline critical workers. If we can reduce the number of people on the school site, this will certainly help to do that.

Whilst we understand home schooling is difficult, especially if you are working from home at the same time, we also know the safety of your children is your absolute priority. We hope you are able to consider this request with the utmost seriousness and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Malc Hetherington
Executive Head of School