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Dear Critical Worker Parents,

As I am sure you have seen in the news this weekend, the next few weeks will be the worst due to the rapid spread of the new Coronavirus variant. Hospital admissions remain at a critical level across the whole country. The Government message is clear that there is a need to reduce contacts between people. STAY AT HOME STOP THE SPREAD! STAY HOME, PROTECT THE NHS, SAVE LIVES!

I am therefore asking you to keep your child at home if you can. If you have been furloughed, are on maternity leave or you work part-time please reconsider if you really do need to send your child into school every day. Even if they can be at home for part of the week this will mean less children in classrooms on a daily basis. Our numbers are significantly higher now, with demand for places being more than quadruple of what was needed for lockdown 1. Yet the virus is spreading much more quickly! A reduction in children in school would hopefully reduce the chances of full bubble closures. With many children of front-line critical workers, bubble closures would mean that our NHS/Police parents would not be able to go to work.

I realise that for many of you your working patterns are different each week. If you are at all able to keep your child at home for any days this week, please inform [info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk) or ring the school office on 0115 9320005 as soon as possible. Please inform the office in advance of each week (by midday Friday) about school place needs for the week ahead.

I really hope this will ensure staff confidence that as a school community we are supporting each other to reduce the numbers in school to a much safer level.

If you have any questions regarding this, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hallsworth

Head of School