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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the feedback you and your families have provided in the last couple of days this has helped us to organise our school-based provision. As outlined in my previous letter (dated 05.01.21) our aim is to provide school places for students of critical key workers without childcare and those we know to be, with advice from our social care colleagues, the most vulnerable. We have now collated the information from the surveys and given by you to staff at school. We have received a high number of requests for critical key worker provision which means the demand for places is much higher than it was during the first lockdown last spring. Unfortunately, not all families will receive what they asked for. As a school we have had to make some very difficult decisions prioritising those students in the category outlined above. However, we have tried our best to accommodate those who have asked for provision.

Safety continues to be the number one priority for the school and has guided all our decision making throughout this pandemic. In order to reduce the transmission rate and increase social distancing we are reducing the number of students and staff in classes at any one time. This has meant we have had to make changes to our original idea of a weekly rota system in order to provide the places needed, we now have a more static rota which will be reviewed again after three weeks.

All students will have home learning set for the days they are at home. Staff will be contacting students at home at least once a week to support them with this.

I want to assure you again we have tried our very best to keep everyone happy and all difficult decisions have been made with safety in mind.

We do appreciate your understanding during this third lockdown, and ask you to check our website for any further updates.

Kindest regards

Sam Barham  
Headteacher

