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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing this letter following the closure of two critical worker bubbles over the weekend due to positive cases in both schools. We know that when a critical worker bubble is closed this will directly impact parents being able to continue their critical worker role if children are unable to attend school. We are therefore asking for your help to make sure our numbers in school are as low as possible in order to reduce the risk of further closures of critical worker bubbles. Applications for critical worker places for this lockdown have been considerably higher than we experienced in March 2020. We completely understand the need for parents to continue with their critical work and fully support all parents in being able to do their crucial role during this pandemic. We would like to make sure all our critical worker details are up to date so please ask you to complete this form to inform us of your current household circumstances:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ERjtclYh4UGcZ-NAZUTo71sOWrY0U8FKqHzUEiD7hzhUOFVJNjZTMkkwUkg2TVY1M0tUFRBQzBDNy4u>

We are working hard to keep the numbers of close contacts for all children and staff attending school as low as possible. By keeping numbers in school to a minimum it means the rate of potential transmission also remains lower. It is important that all children and staff have an environment that is as low risk as possible during these times which is why schools have been closed to the majority of pupils and should only be accessed by those who are unable to remain at home.

The DfE guidance for critical workers states 'Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can'. **Therefore, if one parent is at home then your child should be at home with them even if the other parent is a critical worker.** We are asking for your support with this and to **only send your child into school if there is no-one at home to look after them.** The rate of infection is very serious and it is vitally important that we all play our part in trying to reduce the transmission of the virus.

Please can we ask you to make sure you are only sending your child to school when there is no alternative as there is no-one at home and you are needed to fulfil your critical worker role.

We thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Yours sincerely

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