

8 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The announcement on Monday evening regarding school closures, together with further guidance issued yesterday has been made to **absolutely limit the number of children attending school for the well-being of the country.**

Our school is far from closed. We will have over half the number of children on role attending school on Monday even though we have followed this guidance and limited places.

The geography of our schools means that an initial limit of 10 per class was set so that we could adhere to social distancing and reduce the risk of transmission. However, we can no longer do this due the number of children who have been allocated a place. Staff are now concerned about this increased risk.

If you are a 'Critical Worker', your child is entitled to attend school. **However, if there is another adult in the same household who is working from home, I would kindly ask that you consider this over the weekend and think twice about sending your child to school at this current time.**

The Prime Minister himself now recognises that, **"Schools act as vectors for transmission causing the virus to spread between households."**

If we do not take this measure, we may be **jeopardising the health of the local community** and we are not supporting the government with their strategy to beat COVID-19.

We appreciate that this will inconvenience a number of families, however this is an unprecedented situation which is ever changing and very difficult to navigate.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Harris
Head of School

