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Monday, 11th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following last night's message from our Prime Minister, I feel the need to write to you all to give some clarity on the situation for our school. However, following an hour long virtual meeting with my deputies last night, we are just as confused as you all must be.

What I can give you clarity on though, is that when we know that it is safe for pupils and staff to return to school, we will make detailed plans in how this will work and we will share it with you. Many things need to be put into place before this can happen to ensure the safety of staff and pupils, this will not happen overnight.

Until then our position remains the same, stay at home and protect our NHS.

Today, we have already had parents request that their children now return to school as they are on the critical keyworker list. I need to make it clear that staffing has been arranged to provide childcare for the pupils currently attending school, therefore please do not expect that your child can be added to the list without giving us time to rearrange our staffing cover. Any additional children would mean that our numbers would increase to such a level that I would need to make plans for additional staff to attend school, make extra spaces available that would then need deep cleaning on a daily basis, which is what we are doing with our current spaces that we are using.

Please be assured that in these unprecedented times we are working very hard to maintain an education for all of our pupils and we appreciate your ongoing support with this.

There are many unanswered questions that we are constantly reviewing, as soon as the Government gives us clear guidance on how we move forward, we stay as we are. This may mean that we will be in this situation for some time yet and we appreciate how hard it is for everybody. But we can do this, if we do it together.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Ansell', written in a cursive style.

Anne Ansell
Head Teacher

