



13th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that the loud and clear message of this current national lockdown is **stay at home if you can**; this is particularly important in the light of the new variant of COVID-19, with greater transmissibility.

As you know, we are open for children of critical workers and for vulnerable children to come in to school as required, though we are also keen to promote the message, along with the government, of keeping your children at home if and when you can. It has been helpful when parents and carers who are using our provision for their children keep us informed as to which specific days they need the provision in the week, if they do not need a full-time place. Additionally, please feel free to just let us know on the morning if you no longer require your child to come to school that day. All the time the key message is **stay at home if you can**.

Given this message, in response to any further requests for provision, we will be strictly prioritising pupils in lists 1 and 2, according to our priority list here below.

1	Vulnerable children: EHCP, social services involvement (subject to a child protection plan or 'child in need' status), looked after children, young carers
2	Health and social care (NHS/emergency) Public safety and national security (police/fire and rescue/ military personnel) Education and child care
3	Health services (non NHS/emergency) Food and essential goods distribution and delivery Transport Utilities, Communication and Financial Services Other public services or local/national government agencies

As well as providing for our vulnerable pupils, parents who work in health and social care, education and child care and public safety/national security will be prioritised. This will be important, so we are able to restrict numbers safely to keep within our risk assessments, keeping a safe numbers of pupils on our site. To stress again, the DFE guidance states that ***“Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can”***.

For children who are at home, we have in place our remote learning offer, which we will continue to roll out and develop in these following weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-Heads of School

