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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID: School Attendance during Lockdown Period

As you know, local rates of virus transmission remain high and there continues to be immense pressure on our NHS service to manage the COVID admissions to hospitals. In this lockdown period our schools and colleges are currently only open to our children most in need and the children of critical workers. The purpose of restricting school attendance is to ensure that schools do not become the 'vectors of COVID transmission' described by the Prime Minister in his statement two weeks ago.

The message from government is clear that if your child can safely stay at home, then they should.

None of our schools want to restrict the numbers of pupils who can come into school at any one time but they do have to make sure they can safely manage the numbers of pupils who do need places. Therefore, if you are a critical worker but you are still able to make arrangements for your child/children to stay at home then please do so.

Our schools will work with you to try and offer the best remote learning packages they can for your children and we are very grateful for the ways in which you have assisted education and schools during this difficult time. We appreciate just how hard it is to balance home life, work and education. Thank you for continued support to our schools and their staff.

Yours sincerely



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