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Dear Parents & Carers,

Many thanks for your support to date from both home and school. As you may be aware there is much work going on 'behind the scenes' at school to keep up with the daily developments from the Government and DfE during this time.

This week we explored the possibility of potentially needing to reduce the numbers of children we have in school each day by moving to a 'book only the days you need' offer rather than our current offer.

Since the start of term we have preferred a model of 'if you take up a place we would like your child in full time', as of last week we amended this to 'with Friday as an optional day to be home' where possible. We know that Fridays at home are not possible or sensible for all children so please do not worry if you need your Friday place still, this is fine!

Having received replies and calculated the anticipated numbers going forwards next week and hopefully beyond (Covid rates permitting) we are happy to say that next week we will stay the same as we are now.

We remain open for all days for all eligible children who are currently in our school provision and we will be keeping to our current offer of full time places Monday to Thursday with Friday as an optional day. The 'optional' part is the coming to school part where children can be at home - we would still like the children at home and school to participate in the work set by teachers please.

Where we have eligible parents currently not taking up places but who would now like them we are able to extend the same offer to them.

If you are eligible and would prefer something other than the full offer then please get in touch -we will work with you to find a suitable solution and number of days. For children who don't wish to take up our full offer we do request that work is completed on the days they are at home so that when children come in to school they are ready to tackle the same work as their classmates.

For those of you who have your children at home at this time we would like to say that we are really looking forward to the time when we can have you all back.

I'm sorry this is rather convoluted. In essence, we reviewed our provision and for now we're staying open to all who are eligible. We'll look at this on a regular basis and keep you informed.

Kind regards

Vicky Barron



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