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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and healthy during these extraordinary times.

As you know, on 20th March 2020 schools were closed across the country. However, schools were asked to remain open to provide emergency care for children within two categories:

1. Children whose parents are key workers, where no other childcare is available
2. The most vulnerable children in our schools where it is judged being in school is safer than staying at home

Over the last few weeks, the school has communicated with families and other agencies, including health professionals and social workers, to ensure we are providing care for these children.

I would like to thank the many parents who have been in touch with myself and teachers in the school recognising the efforts being made by all staff. Your feedback and support have been very much appreciated.

I also like to take this opportunity to thank all teaching and support staff for the work they are doing, either on site or working remotely.

We all acknowledge that this is a difficult time for families, and it is likely to be more difficult for families of children with additional needs. The expectations on schools have been evolving and we aim to follow the guidance correctly to offer care to the children who require it, and who cannot safely have their needs met at home.

In order to gather information regarding the needs of our community, I would be grateful if you could complete the brief questionnaire found by following this link by **Monday 27th April, 2020**:

<https://forms.gle/DMHDvQcKGu1xjQNH6>



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When considering which pupils can access our emergency care provision, we also must maintain high standards of health and safety and cleanliness on site. We also need to observe as far as possible the Government guidance on Staying Safe. This means that we can only offer places to a reduced number of children, and to those most in need.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Smith
Head Teacher