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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you regarding places for keyworker children after half term. Firstly, I would like to thank you for replying so promptly to our request for those who do need places – this gives us time tomorrow to put the registers together however, we are absolutely bursting at the seams with these requests.

As a school we have 194 children on roll, currently on our register and with a waiting list we have 115 children wanting places during this lockdown – this means we are nearly 60% full. During the first lockdown we were at 12%.

There is nothing more I would like than to be able to fully open and have all of our children back in school learning however, that is simply not able to happen at this time. I know that some schools have been very strict and said that if you require a place then your child has to attend every day – we haven't done this because government guidance is still that if you are working from home and can keep your child at home to learn, then you should do so, as it is the safest place for them. I also believe that parents should be able to have the choice during this pandemic, and I know many will want their children safely at home with them. Some schools have also said that if your child arrives late then they won't be allowed on site for that day, again, this is not something we have done as we understand that sometimes things happen that can't be helped and children may be late.

We have tried to be as flexible as we can be and have, where we have been able to, changed days for parents and given extra days if absolutely needed.

I do understand how hard it is for children to be at home learning indeed, my own son and two daughters are studying remotely and it can be very difficult at times trying to keep them on task!

As a school, we are now at a point where we have so many requests for places that we need to make a heartfelt plea that you only take a place when you need it and are having to travel to a place of work, or if there are no other adults in your support bubble who can look after your children whilst you are working.

We are trying really hard to give every child who has had a place this half term at least two days a week in school however, we would kindly ask that you work with us as much as possible to try and arrange alternative care when possible when you are working. If

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your child only attends school on the days you are working, it will allow us to distribute places on a more even keel and allow those parents who have children on the waiting list to maybe return to work.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter and please, do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Mrs Redmond

Headteacher

