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Planning for local restrictions

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although it appears unlikely based on the recently released information on Covid levels (*see the link at the bottom of the letter), in the exceptional event of local restrictions, the school may be asked to temporarily close. The 'tiers of restriction' will ensure that extensive limitations on education and childcare are a last resort and that full-time on-site provision is available for vulnerable children and children of critical workers in all cases. While we are aware of 'vulnerable children', we want to ensure we have a record of children of 'critical workers' in readiness for such eventuality. Please see the following link for details of the description of critical workers as currently defined by the Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

In the event of a temporary closure, our teaching staff would be working on providing online resources and learning support for their class remotely or be looking after their own children and we would therefore need to cover the school with other staff. Therefore, while we wish to support our 'critical workers', I would hope that any household who are able to care for their children at home in such an event, would do so, to enable the majority of our school team to be able to isolate.

Please note that, in the event of closure due to a positive covid-19 case or cases in school, groups, bubbles or the whole school may be asked to self-isolate. In this situation we would not have a facility to have any children, including vulnerable children or children of critical workers, on site.

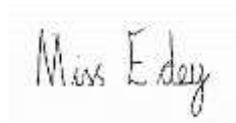
To help us with our future planning, if you have a 'critical worker' in your household with parental responsibility, please complete the online form via the link below as soon as possible and ideally by the end of Wednesday 21.10.20. The office team will contact the relevant parents in the days ahead.

<https://forms.gle/DPppSeDayFmdN63n7>

'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God'

Thank you for your continued support and let us hope that the aforementioned remains as a plan rather than a reality.

Yours sincerely

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Miss V Edey
Headteacher

*For information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know?utm_source=16%20October%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19