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Update letter

Dear Families,

Thankyou for your response to the National Lockdown, once again I am sorry that I had to take the decision to close the school today at such short notice.

We have consulted twice this morning on who would like a place in school, those that have replied requesting a place will receive a phone call today to discuss. Those of you who have chosen to keep your child at home will be provided with the relevant support so that your child can access their learning.

All children whether they be physically in school OR at home will follow the online curriculum offer. This means that the pupils will stay with their class teacher accessing their online curriculum in their classroom. Whilst the infection rate is so high and we are still under a National Lockdown we are unable to move around the school into different lessons. Pupils will be allocated a desk or space in their classroom and encouraged to stay 2 metres apart from each other.

If you have not received a phone call due to not completing the relevant text you will not be allocated a place for the first 2 weeks. We will consult on a fortnightly basis to ensure we are being as fair as possible in terms of places. Please take into account that the Guidance may change for special schools and revert back to allowing only critical workers come into school, in which it may be expected that you keep your child at home.

Should we have an outbreak of covid in the school or someone in your child's bubble has a positive result you will need to isolate your child for 10 days as is the legal guidance now. Could I please ask if your child does have a place in school you limit their contact with others as much as possible - the virus within school aged children is proving difficult to contain hence our request that you stick rigidly to the law as it stands. Currently due to the limited notice we have had to change the school offer we have not had opportunity to set up the school testing station meaning staff and pupils will not be tested until the staff are trained.

If your child is staying at home, we will be in frequent contact, depending on their age they may receive some 'live' teaching or receive the staff videos on the school website http://abbey.school.co/php/virtual_learning/ We will also drop packs of work off to your child to ensure they are still fully part of their education. If your child receives free school meals we will be currently advice as to whether we can change the Government recommended 'food parcel' to a voucher as you have received before. Further information will follow on this subject.

As always can I make a personal plea to you all to follow the Government Guidance. I know how frustrated and fed up we all feel but it is vitally important that we keep to the rules.

Please do take care.

Mrs Luci Windle - Executive Headteacher

