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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your incredible support over the last few days, very worrying times for us all. Following on from the Government's announcement last night, we have thought very carefully about how we respond as a school in a way that will keep your child as safe as possible, in light of their additional vulnerability. We have previously explained that not only is Staffordshire in a Tier 4 area but also, Newcastle is a high priority area.

From our phone calls yesterday with you, we know that many of you are extremely worried about the additional risk that your children face and want to keep them at home where they are safer and can engage in our home learning programme, particularly because many of them have to have close contact with staff. We understand this and will support you in any way that we can. If this is how you feel, ignore the previous letter that was sent on 31st December where we outlined a plan for testing and re-entry into school. Your child can stay at home and we will work with you to help with home schooling.

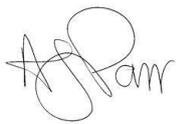
If you are a Critical worker, you have already had a conversation with staff and we will expect your child in school for a test – timings will be confirmed by text.

For some parents and carers, school is the best option. In order to be able to draw up new class lists and organise a staff rota, please ring school today on 01782 987151 to discuss further.

We will always put your child first in any arrangements that we make and we know that, for some of you, your child's needs and vulnerabilities will change as the threat level changes. We will be making weekly phone calls to you so you can let us know whether your situation changes.

Thank you again for all your support, please do keep in touch if you want anything

Yours sincerely



Alison Parr

Principal