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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well, and that students are maintaining good routines for learning while schools are closed.

Over the last two days we have received a very small number of students into school who are children of Key Workers. Due to the lack of demand for secondary places, we have been informed by the Local Authority that alternative emergency childcare arrangements should be considered if the demand here is so low that it becomes ineffective to open our site. Even for a small number of students, many staff have to travel, including catering staff, support staff, teachers, Senior Leadership Team, cleaning staff, Teaching Assistants, and site team. In addition, from tomorrow we are no longer in a position to offer prepared lunches for anyone coming into school; any child of a Key Worker receiving emergency childcare will need to bring a packed lunch into school. We are reviewing demand for childcare on a daily basis and remain committed to supporting the Key Workers in our community at this difficult time.

Parents need to be aware that following yesterday's announcements by the Prime Minister, we must balance the demand for childcare with the safety of our own staff and therefore, consideration is being given to arranging a local hub with alternative schools hosting children; more information will be sent out when it becomes available.

Please would all parents who are Key Workers that have been in regular contact with us regarding childcare provision ensure that they complete and return the latest survey that was sent out this morning.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Dr R P Petrie
Headteacher

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