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Dear families,

I hope you are all well. I'd like to provide you with an update about attendance after the February half term holiday.

As you know, the government is still telling everyone to stay at home and any child who can be cared for at home should stay at home. We continue to be advised that the single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. Because of this, as a school, we continue to take the approach to having as few people in the building as possible, as this will reduce transmission, keep everyone safe and help protect the NHS.

However, we need to begin a careful and measured approach to a full reopening and help support families who are requesting school places for their children. Therefore, after half term, we will increase the number of staff and children in school. For some, this will mean children being invited in to school on a part time or week on/week off rota system. Children of key workers will continue to be offered a place according to their parents work pattern. **You will receive details of child's attendance pattern on or before Friday 12th February, if you haven't already.**

Children who are still advised to shield MUST stay at home as we cannot guarantee their safety in school.

As Government guidance changes, we will update our approach and inform you of further changes.

I recognise how hard it can be for some families trying to juggle all the demands that lockdown is throwing your way at the moment. From conversations with staff who have been speaking with you, I would like to pass what an amazing job the teachers think you are doing in supporting the home learning and keeping going - they are both impressed and grateful for the support. I'd like to thank you for your patience and understanding you have shown through this latest period of lockdown and the unprecedented circumstances we are all facing. Together, we will continue to support each other and get through these challenging times.

Take care,

Rik Robinson
Head Teacher

