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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope your child has settled well into their new bubble group in school over the first few weeks of this new term and that you and your family are managing to keep well during these very challenging times for us all. Now that the dust is beginning to settle once again, we wanted to explain our position in school and how the government guidance has changed regarding Critical Worker status.

During the first lockdown, when the school was only open to Key Worker & Vulnerable children from March 2020 - June 2020, we only had in the region of 30 children in school, during this current national lockdown where the rate of infection is higher, the demand on the NHS is higher and the transmissibility of the new variant is higher, we have around 130 children on site each day. The government's guidance states "parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can." Because our numbers are already high, we strongly urge you to consider:

- Do you need to send your child in every day? If you work 3 days a week for example, your child could stay at home for the other two. We have made sure that our remote learning offer matches the in-school teaching.
- Do you have a partner who is furloughed / working from home but is not classed as a critical worker in response to the COVID-19 pandemic / or is currently unemployed? If so, your child should be at home.
- If you are temporarily at home due to another child in your household having to self-isolate due to being a close contact; in which case your child from Milford Academy should be at home with you, too.
- Can you liaise with your employer around implementing a flexible working arrangement? Employers have a legal responsibility to consider this which could involve making time available throughout the day to support your child and resuming work-related tasks later in the day/week.

The current guidance suggests children in primary schools should access 3 hours of remote learning per day in Year 1 & 2 and 4 hours for children in Year 3,4,5 & 6. We understand this may be a huge challenge and that you will do the best you can to



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support your child. If you feel we can support you with remote learning please do get in touch.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents and carers who are supporting us to reduce the risks in school, remembering to wear face coverings when on site, sticking to the agreed drop off and pick up times and ensuring that social distancing is followed.

We all look forward to the day when we can safely welcome all members of the Milford community back into school and begin to get back to our normal routines. Until then, we will continue to ensure we act in a safe way whilst supporting all our children and families as best we can.

Best wishes,

Mr R Perkins
Head Teacher



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