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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Special provision

As notified to you on Friday 18 September, we are currently determining the actions we would take to close the school, fully or partially, to students based on a number of different scenarios relating to Covid-19. The letter outlining the plans is available on our website here.

Under all the scenarios outlined in the letter, we would continue to operate a full-time 'special provision' for children of **critical workers and/or other groups as directed by the government**. As we may need to make the decision to, or be notified of the need to, close the school in a short period of time, we would like to identify in advance the children who would attend the special provision in the event of a partial or full school closure. Please note however that if a year group must be sent home to isolate on the basis of DfE guidance following a positive case in school, we would be unable to offer a special provision for that year group.

The key information for this provision is as follows:

- The special provision will run for the entire school day;
- Students should arrive at the time and arrive through the entrance already communicated to them at the start of this academic year for normal school operations;
- Students will be expected to wait outside the front of school, until called into the school site by staff;
- Students are expected to arrive in school uniform;
- Strict rules around social distancing and hand sanitisation will be in place at all times;
- A packed lunch can be brought in or a meal can be purchased in school. Those entitled to free school meals can access them in school;
- Should your child or members of the household display any symptoms of Covid-19 you should not send your child to school and follow government guidance in relation to selfisolating.

If you would like your child to attend the special provision and you are critical workers or your child is classed as vulnerable, please complete the survey here.

This survey will close at 5pm on Friday 25 September.

On Monday 28 September, I will write directly to all families who have expressed their intent to use this provision in the event that we do need to close the school.

We thank you for your continued support and engagement with the school.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Burns

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