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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

As I am sure you are aware, there is now a significant rise in Covid-19 cases across the country. In Trafford, cases have risen to the second highest in the Greater Manchester region, up 52% on last weeks figure, to 455.0.

The Government are keeping the current lockdown expectations under review and there are now media suggestions that the restrictions may tighten further. On Friday new guidance for schools was released and there was a subtle, but significant, change in the wording for Critical Workers, '**Critical Workers should keep their children at home if they can.**'

With the continued rise in infections and the resultant impact upon the NHS, with double the admissions of the first wave of the virus from 18,000 admissions in April to 30,000 current admissions, we have completed a further review of our Operational Risk Assessment.

Therefore, for the safety of our children, staff, families and subsequently the wider community we will be taking steps to **reduce the number of children attending.**

Today, we are asking all **Critical Worker** families to **keep their children at home where at all possible** and definitely if there is another parent at home. Unfortunately, working from home is not a valid reason for your child taking a place in school. You may be contacted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss this. We understand this may cause some inconvenience during this period but we would hope that as the vaccine programme increases and after the February break that we can look to increase our numbers and move again to a full reopening.

If we are unable to reduce numbers through this request and, if infection numbers continue to rise locally, we may soon be required to remove some currently allocated places.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Beswick
Executive Headteacher



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