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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to make you aware that we are currently experiencing a very challenging time with regards to staffing in school. Like the rest of the population, our staff must follow national guidelines linked to the current pandemic, and we have a number of staff in isolation as close contacts, with symptoms themselves, or having to stay at home to supervise very young children who have been sent in to isolation themselves.

WE ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO OPEN SCHOOL AS NORMAL, but we wanted to make you aware that we are reaching the tipping point of not having enough staff to be able to operate safely.

If this point is reached over the next day or so, we would inform you with as much notice as possible. I know that you will appreciate things can evolve and change very quickly, and it is sometimes difficult to predict the situation from one evening to the next morning. If we are not able to open safely, pupils would be expected to stay at home and their lessons would **go straight to stage 2 remote learning with as many live lessons as possible during the school day**.

We hope that we do not need to take this step in the last few days of term, and would only do so if it is absolutely necessary. Thank you again for your understanding. These times are not easy for any of us.

Regards

Mr. D. Airey

Headteacher

