



Dear parents/carers,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for your support and patience during a very difficult two weeks. The short notice of lockdown, the introduction of remote learning and all the organisational challenges have had an incredible impact on both parents and staff alike, however the hard work, flexibility and understanding of everyone has been amazing.

As you are aware we have provision in place for those of you who meet the criteria of a critical worker, but may I just remind you that the numbers in school are much higher than the last lockdown and that the government guidance clearly states

**"Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can."**

Thank you to the many families who have worked hard to ensure their children are only attending school on the days and times when they have no other alternative, which helps to keep both families and staff as safe as possible.

For every place that can be reduced, the risk of transmission for your child, other children and our staff decreases and therefore I ask everyone to reconsider their own arrangements and work patterns to ensure children only attend school when they need to.

North Lincolnshire Council have sent out the following message :

***To help prevent the spread of Covid-19, schools are closed to most pupils and are providing remote learning instead. The only children that must be in school are those with a social worker or an Education Health care Plan. All other children should remain at home. It may be possible for your child to have some time in school if you work in health, social care, emergency services or other jobs deemed critical in the response to Covid-19. Even if you are in one of these roles, please think carefully about whether you really need a school place at this time and keep your children at home if you can. Stay home-Protect the NHS-Save lives.***

### Remote Learning:

With regard to remote learning, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we have been working to resolve some of the issues raised by parents. Staff are working incredibly hard teaching full lessons in the classroom and also providing and responding to the remote learning for those at home. We are constantly reviewing and simplifying the systems in place to help you all at home, and despite some teething problems we are confident that we can work together to make the best of a situation which is so difficult for us all. You are doing a remarkable job in supporting your children and we will continue to help you wherever we can. We know everyone's situation is different and I want to reassure you that you can be as flexible in your approach as you need to be and fit the day around your own personal situation.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding.

Kind Regards,

Mrs T Bass