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Dear Parent / Carer,

Please find attached a letter from Coventry City Council, in which the Director of Education & Skills (Kirston Nelson) and the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing (Liz Gaulton) set out the local picture.

During this lockdown, we have 10 times more children coming to school at Seva than we did in the first lockdown. This is a worry as school staff and pupils are being placed in a “high risk” position, with the new variant of coronavirus spreading rapidly across the city. We need to work together to ensure only those children who need to be in school are in school. I know this makes life difficult in the extreme when adults are working at home, but it really is the only way to contain the spread of the virus. In short: ***if you can keep your child at home, please do!*** They will be able to access remote learning throughout the day, hopefully giving you some peace! We do strongly urge you to get a pair of headphones for your child(ren).

We can only accept into school the children of critical workers. If there is ***one*** critical worker in the household and there is another parent or relative who is not (and who could therefore supervise your child(ren)), ***you should not be sending them into school please***. This is to ensure the children and staff at Seva are kept as safe from the virus as possible.

Critical workers are those who work in:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services (justice system, religious staff, charities, delivering to key frontline services, management of the deceased, journalists)
- Local and national government
- Food industry (production, processing, distribution, sale & delivery)
- Public safety and national security
- Transport and border staff
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you are not working in any of the industries listed above, you should not be sending your child into school.

I look forward to a time when we do not have to worry about coronavirus and school can continue as normal. I'd like to thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Kindest regards,



Jo Donnellan
Principal