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## Parent/ Carer update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a lot in the news (as I'm sure you are aware...) since the start of term, about schools and managing the remote learning of pupils at home and the attendance of children requiring places.

As you know, we started in the Autumn with two classes for each year group. This has now made it possible for one teacher to be based in school leading a year group bubble and their teaching partner, to manage remote learning and regular contacts from home – *an increasingly important role*.

During the first lockdown in the Spring last year, Headteachers were asked to assess numbers of pupils compared to classroom size. At the time, the Government suggested that ½ a class, 15 children, could be deemed as 'safe'. My assessment (agreed by the Governors) for our classes had been 12. There is very little *new* guidance and as I am sure you will agree, it therefore seems appropriate to base the health and well-being of our staff team and attending children, on that number.

**With this in mind, I am writing to inform you that on certain days of the week, some of our classes are, at present, now at full capacity.**

As the lockdown extends and circumstances change, we are aware that so to may your work and home situations. The Local Authority have now put together a priority list for schools to apply should they need to limit the intake of pupils. Further to any enquiry, I will discuss with parents/ carers their specific needs and support this where we can.

### **That said, please be mindful...**

Our focus is very much supporting your child's learning in a safe environment and managing the safe attendance of pupils and our staff team, in school – this is paramount. **As per government guidance for critical workers: "... parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can."**

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding,

Mr Clark and the TAIS team.