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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Apologies for not sending a message on Friday, wishing you all good health over this coming period of time. I especially wanted to express that to those who we won't see for a while, due to you following guidance regarding social distancing and staying at home. As a community you have been very supportive, for which I am grateful, as it has been an uncertain time where we have not always been able to give the information or answers you have needed.

The Vale of Glamorgan released a statement today regarding the new provisions in school, which you must read and follow. Please follow this link or visit their website. https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2020/March/Five-things-you-need-to-know-about-sending-your-child-to-school-key-workers-and-social-distancing.aspx

The school is open for children of keyworkers to ensure the roles essential to managing this current situation can be maintained. It is not for those that don't want to be disturbed if working from home, or to continue in a job that is not essential to the prevention of the spread of this virus or the provision of essential resources.

Staff have shown amazing strength in their willingness to ensure this provision is available. In doing so they are putting themselves and their families at an increased risk. It is vital that the number of children accessing this provision is kept to a minimum. If one parent is working from home, your children must stay home. This provision is only for families where both parents are essential keyworkers, or single parents who are keyworkers. In addition, the categories of keyworkers is open to abuse, in that you may

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work in one of the categories, but not in an essential frontline role. Please consider if you do need this provision, even if you fall into the category of a keyworker.

We recognise these will be difficult times for some families, but it is vital that we keep the attendance at Fairfield as low as possible, to ensure limited spread of the virus and reduced risks to the school community.

Thank you for following this guidance and for your support. We wish you all safe, healthy weeks ahead at home with your families, and look forward to the time we can welcome our community back to Fairfield

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