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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to thank you for your continued support during this national lockdown period. The Government have taken additional measures including the closure of schools to most pupils to try to reduce the pressure on the NHS.

Professor Chris Whitty has stated today that we are at the most dangerous time of the pandemic and he went on to suggest that the next few weeks will be the worst of the pandemic.

Our teachers are working hard to provide our children home education in a variety of ways. We know it isn't the same as face to face teaching, but the Government's message is to stay at home to keep us all safe.

We understand that supporting your child with their learning at home can be difficult but in order to keep everybody safe during a pandemic the safest place for your child is to be at home. We will understand if you cannot complete all the learning activities set but we will be there to support both your child(ren) and you.

Please contact us if you are having any difficulties, if you need support with resources for home learning we can help.

We have been asked by the Government to reduce the number of contacts between children and staff and keep group sizes small in order to keep everybody safe. The Government guidance is also clear that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.

We are doing our best to accommodate the children of critical workers and follow the Government's guidance of instructing us to stay at home and keep class sizes small. **Therefore, we would ask that you only take up a place for your child(ren) if you have no other option.**

Your support during the last lockdown was really appreciated and we know you will continue to work with us to keep everybody safe. This is a very difficult time for us all but please keep in touch and if you do require additional resources, ideas, guidance for home learning we are available to support.

If you would prefer to contact me directly my email address is sjones@nottinghamacademy.org.

Take care,

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