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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Critical Worker School Places and Home Learning

Critical Worker School Places

The school received a very high number of Critical Worker applications for pupil places in school. All applications were carefully considered and available places were allocated, where possible, to meet demand. Due to health and safety and staffing levels it was not possible, at this time, to accommodate all of our parent requests for Critical Worker places.

If you have been allocated a school place for your child, as a critical worker, and your circumstances change that enables you to arrange some home care during the week (i.e. change of shift patterns or working on a rota system), you must let the school know as a matter of urgency as this will free up a school place for parents who are currently on our waiting list.

If the school receives information that your child is able to work from home and is not doing so, then your child's place will be withdrawn. It is crucial, at this time, that we all play our part to support each other and work together to face the challenges arising from this pandemic.

Home Learning Information

I appreciate that this is a very difficult and worrying time for many parents who are having, once again, to support home schooling alongside their other commitments. As a school we will be supporting parents through this difficult time so that children who are learning from home receive quality remote learning and online face to face contact with their class teacher. There will be daily online lessons to supplement the weekly learning grids, available from **Monday 11th January 2021**, via your child's Microsoft Teams account. A range of subjects will be available and further information will be forwarded to you in due course. Reception pupils will continue to use the 'Evidence Me' platform that



has been established to engage with their teacher during this time. If you require any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

As stated in my earlier letter to you, the staff at St. Mary Magdalen's will continue to support all of our children, in the best way possible, throughout this period of school closure.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Take care.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. L.J. Duncan

