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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those who have informed the school about critical worker status. As I am sure you are aware, we are trying to manage the return to school situation as best as we possibly can, with the least impact. As you know, some unions have directed staff to work from home and the government have written to those classed as clinically extremely vulnerable. Therefore, from tomorrow we can only accommodate those children of parents/carers who would meet the criteria as a critical worker in YRB and Y4G. This means that **we will continue as normal for all other classes**, unless anything changes.

In agreement with the team here and as part of the school's risk assessment, we are reducing the number of adults in each classroom. This means that, if a class teacher is required to isolate, we will close the bubble and teach remotely, rather than move staff across the bubbles to cover. Whilst I understand that this will have an impact on parents/carers, the safety and wellbeing of the staff, is paramount.

I'm sure you will agree, the decisions that I am currently having to make, are thought through carefully and with the best interest of the children and staff at the centre. We are still working under immense pressure, with fewer staff members and are doing our very best, to keep Hardwicke Primary open during these unprecedented times.

Please do support us by dropping your children off and collecting them **on time** – we do not have the staff to manage this and wait for late children. You are also expected to wear a mask when dropping and collecting your children, as well as keep 2 metres distance from others. I know that this can be challenging at times. Therefore, Y3 children will need to enter and leave school through the **'football'** gate (on Hardwicke playing field) at the arranged drop off and collection times. Equally, please could Y1 parents use **both gates** on the playground, in order to drop and collect their children which will hopefully avoid a 'bottle neck' situation.

Thank you for your continued support and I appreciate your patience and kindness during this very challenging time.

Best wishes

Wendy D'Arcy
Headteacher

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We care, learn and achieve... together.*