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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Allocation of a school place

The majority of the day yesterday was spent dealing with requests for places in school. As you will appreciate, as per the government guidance, we can only accept children of critical workers or those that are defined as vulnerable.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Even then, we have had to prioritise requests based on staffing and limiting bubble sizes to 15 children.

In terms of priority, we have tried to apply the following criteria:

Priority 1: Both parents/carers are critical workers (or the sole parent/carer).

Vulnerable children

Priority 2: One parent is a critical worker and the other is employed

We have made our decision based on the replies to the survey I sent out during the early hours of Tuesday morning, which is now closed.

Although we asked all families to complete this, we only received 162 responses to the survey.

I have received communication stating that some parents are unhappy with the decisions that have been made. In response to this, some of these parents have not completed the survey or have actually completed the survey saying that they don't require a place.



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In addition, I have been told about a Facebook parent group named 'Brooke Primary' where parents are commenting negatively. This Facebook page is nothing to do with the school and is not accessed or checked. As previously stated, I can not deal with concerns that I am not aware of, so strongly urge you to contact me directly, rather than commenting negatively on social media.

If you now require a place for your child and feel strongly that you are unable to keep your child at home, please email BR-admn@vennacademy.org with the following information and we will consider your request.

Requests will be reviewed at 2pm today, but every Thursday moving forward.

Child's name

Child's year group and teacher

How many adults live in your house who have caring responsibilities for your child?

How many of these adults are critical workers?

Detail role and employer of key worker/s

Are any adults furloughed or unemployed? If so, please explain why this adult is unable to support your child at home.

Is your child classed as vulnerable?

Further details why your child needs to attend school.

We want to support as many vulnerable children and children of critical workers as possible. Please get in touch and we will do our very best.

We appreciate your patience in this matter.

Kind Regards

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