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Dear parents and carers

As you will know yourselves, the current national lockdown continues to provide many challenges for us all and we are very grateful to our education settings in Warrington who are doing an outstanding job in providing high-quality teaching and learning, despite the challenging and disruptive circumstances.

This teaching, for the majority of our schoolchildren throughout the current national lockdown, has been conducted remotely, and will continue to be provided until the February half term. We are very grateful to our parents and carers across Warrington who have been extremely accommodating and who are continuing to ensure that many of our schoolchildren are receiving the best possible educational offering through virtual learning at home.

Of course, our education settings are also providing a small amount of face to face teaching, but this is for **vulnerable children** or children of **critical workers** only. We will ensure that for our critical workers – those who cannot work from home and are in essential jobs such as providing care, health, public transport, blue light services and beyond – we make face-to-face teaching available, but appreciate that this currently only applies to the minority of our schoolchildren across Warrington.

Despite this, we can assure you that regardless of where your child is currently being taught – acknowledging the vast majority will be learning remotely from home – our dedicated and passionate teaching and education colleagues will continue to provide the best possible learning opportunities.

Our current coronavirus case numbers in Warrington remain high, and in line with the national lockdown restrictions many of us are having to adapt and change our normal routines to follow the clear 'stay at home' message. We appreciate that for many, this will also mean your children are currently learning from home. With this in mind, we are very grateful to our parents who are following the strict national rules in place by keeping their

children remotely learning, in line with the national guidance of only allowing children of **critical workers** or **vulnerable children** into our education settings.

We know how challenging home-schooling can be, not least balancing it with other responsibilities and the access to technology it demands, but we are humbled by how well our young people continue to adjust to these turbulent times.

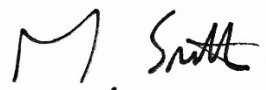
Hope is on the horizon in the form of vaccination but for now, please continue to play your part by sticking to the basics of 'hands, face, space' and by staying at home with your household wherever possible in line with the current national restrictions, which you can read [at gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

We know that the current 'stay at home' restrictions are not just limiting physical school contact, but a lot of other activities we once considered normal and routine. We are therefore extremely grateful for your support in keeping your children learning at home.

Yours sincerely



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