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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued patience in these challenging circumstances. We know that all of our families have had challenging circumstances to manage over the last 2 months and the Hillcrest community are so grateful for all you have done to support our young people safely at home.

We have spoken with most of our parents and carers this week and the majority of you have decided that you **do not** want your child to return to school at this stage. Please be reassured that we fully support your decision to do this and no further action will be taken. We will continue to work together to support you to keep your child safely at home.

For those who have requested provision, we are now exploring what we can offer now we know the number of requests we have. To accommodate this as safely as we possibly can, we are considering **'creating part-time attendance rotas so that as many children as possible can benefit from attending their setting'**, as requested by the Government. Any decision that is made about a larger scale opening is not being taken lightly as the consequences of getting it wrong could be very severe. Please be assured, that any steps we take, the welfare of children, staff and our families is at the heart of our decision making.

We are still completing risk assessments and planning that focus on:

- The health, safety and wellbeing of our community
- Logistics of environment, including teaching space available
- Guidance from the Department of Education
- Statutory Health and Safety legislation
- Staff deployment
- Curriculum on return
- Running both school offer and home learning option
- Transport

Once risk assessments have been completed, these have to be approved by the Governing Body and the Unions to ensure that all of the safety measures are in place.

Below are some of the changes that we have had to make to the environment. As you can see the school looks hugely different to the one the children left in March.



I will be back in touch after half term when we have a clearer picture of what it is safe for us to do. There will be no work packs next week as the staff are having a well-earned break. In the meantime, stay safe and well and enjoy the break from home schooling next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mead
Head Teacher