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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors and I are writing to update you on how we are continuing to review and evolve our COVID risk assessment and school offer.

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your on-going support. Staying at home is the most effective way of reducing the transmission risk, as set out by Government. We appreciate that some parents' jobs require them to work outside of their home, and as parents ourselves, we appreciate how challenging it is to balance work commitments and having children at home. It is important, and our obligation, that our school and home based learning provision are consistent, reduce risks as far as possible and meet needs.

We are constantly reviewing our school COVID risk assessment as well as school offer. The Senior Leadership Team meet with our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors regularly throughout the week. We have sought input and advice from Durham County Council, and we have made contact with other schools to explore any learning. As previously noted, we have had a high level of requests for school places, and our demand has been higher than any other Infant School in the County. We continue to carefully balance our responsibilities to you as families, as well as our staff and community.

As circumstances can change, and to help us to continue to allocate places most appropriately, we would like to re-audit need for school places, and request assistance from all families to do this. We would appreciate it if you could please follow the below link and complete the form by 12.00pm Thursday 28th January 2021:

<https://forms.gle/GB9ofzTamaJdcjL57>

Thank you for your continued support and patience whilst we strive to strike the most appropriate balance. School will keep in regular contact with you all as developments progress.

Best wishes

Mrs. L. Frazer, Headteacher

