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Dear Parents and Carers,

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

I am sure I was not alone in listening to the Prime Minister yesterday and hoping for a sign that we could move towards a new normality. I am disappointed to say that the additional guidance in today's document does not show any understanding of Special Schools. Whilst there are some minor changes, it is still difficult to see what it means for The Valley School pupils, staff and families.

I am assuming that there will be greater clarity and guidance over the next few days, so that we can understand what it means for Special Schools in general and for us in particular. The overall message remains the same, that any child who can be safely cared for at home should do so. Given the push to return to work, I am aware that you may now be under pressure from your employer.

I urge you to contact us by email, if at all possible, if you believe that you may need to request a school place due to work commitments, using the following address, admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk Please provide details of your work patterns, so that we can plan together how to support you. If you are unable to contact by email, please phone and leave a message on the school answerphone, so that we can call you back.

We do not yet know how transport will be arranged, as the current contracts may not allow for adequate safe distancing. I will also need time to plan how to keep staff and pupils safe on site, if our numbers start to grow, and to make sure that we have enough protective equipment to meet our needs.

I ask you to continue being patient, as it will not be possible to change anything with immediate effect. However, my commitment remains the same, that I will take account of the physical and emotional needs of the entire Valley family and do all that I can to support the needs of everyone in our community.

Thank you for everything.

Yours sincerely,

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