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Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

I think it is worth sharing Gavin Williamson's (MP) tweet of last night:

You should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response.

If you are able to keep your child at home, you should.

This is the basis on which we are working at Meadowfield, in other words, we are offering pupil places to children of key workers as well as those who have particular welfare needs.

We continue to keep abreast of the latest guidance and information and I encourage you to do the same. As Principal, my concern is for the health of all members of the school community, not only the pupils, but staff as well, therefore we will continue to follow the advice, which we receive from the Government on a daily basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who shared supportive and appreciative comments to the members of staff who phoned homes yesterday (Friday). All families were phoned - all 327 families and I am grateful for the efforts of the members of staff who telephoned each of you. We do not like making such calls when the message is about limiting the number of pupils who can access school, however, in these unprecedented times it was our duty to do so.

I was very disappointed to hear that there were parents who were quite unpleasant and inappropriately challenging to staff who made Friday's phone calls, some members of staff even had the telephone put down on them! Please understand that Meadowfield staff are doing their absolute best to look after as many pupils as possible during this time of crisis. We have many members of staff who have had to self-isolate and many who have their own children to look after. I have nothing but respect and admiration for our staff who consistently show their dedication and commitment to the pupils of Meadowfield School.

One last point for today about home learning. Please visit our website www.meadowfield.kent.sch.uk Click Parent Information and choose Home Learning or use the link in the Google address bar <https://www.meadowfield.kent.sch.uk/parent-information/home-learning/>

I will update you again tomorrow and in the meantime should you have any questions or concerns, please telephone the school office and we will do our best to help.

Yours faithfully



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Principal

