



Friezland Primary School

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Dear Friezland Families,

The Governing Board would like to thank all families who have supported and worked with us during these extremely challenging times. We fully appreciate how challenging remote learning is, especially when there's siblings to support and work commitments to fulfil. We are grateful to those key worker parents who have been able to not send their child(ren) to school or have taken their places on a part time basis so that they only send their child into school when they are unable to work from home.

We do, however, remain concerned by the number of requests for places in school during the current period of closure. The National Average attendance is 14% and at Friezland, we now have 56% of pupils attending full or part time. We are concerned that this is undermining public health and pupil and staff welfare. The Director of Education has met Chairs of Governors, and has given us authority to set our own school guidelines on admissions if there are too many children in school and public health is at risk.

This week, the numbers for school attendance at Friezland have remained stable. However, if these numbers change, we will have to review the admission criteria so that the school can comply with its risk assessment. This could mean accepting fewer children, which would allow the teachers to form mixed teaching bubbles in school and enable other staff to cater for the needs of home learners.

Please continue to help with this situation by only sending your child into school on days when, as a key worker, you are unable to work from home and have to attend work. We all want schools to reopen as quickly as possible, and the more closely lockdown guidelines are followed the quicker this can happen. The Government guidelines state that all parents should keep their children at home if they can. Please help us pull together so that we can continue to reduce community transmission and get a full return to school as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Jane Goodwin (Friezland's Chair of Governors).

