



Reaching for the Stars!

6th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very sorry we have not been able to offer your child a place at this time during the Covid crisis. The 'criteria' for making such decisions is based on a number of factors which have been widely explained across the nation in a variety of media forms; But for us in the context of Davyhulme we have used the following :

- Government Criteria - Keyworkers and Vulnerable pupils.
- Advice from Trafford
- Union Advice
- School Criteria on pupils WE believe to be vulnerable (even if they have not got a social worker).

We have been able to accommodate most Key Worker requests and all of our vulnerable pupils but where we have reached our capacity we simply can not fit anymore children into a Learning Bubble safely. We can not enter into a case by case discussion with parents over criteria as there are so many variables. Suffice to say that if we have two pupils with exactly the same profile and they tick every 'criteria box' then we would still have to choose between the two, with one pupil being admitted and the other not being admitted - the alternative choice to be fair would be not to admit either of them.

The only thing we can do for now is to apologise to you, thank you for your patience and ask you to ensure that your contact details are up to date because your child will be placed on a waiting list and we might need to get in touch with you at short notice to offer you a place.

Please review the information you have sent us to ensure that:

- Your contact details are up to date - your child's name and class they are in.
- The documentation and letter from your employer is specific to you and your role and not a general cover letter. There has been a huge increase in parents applying for KW status and we have had to prioritise.
- Employer letters may also state that you and / or your partner are not able to work from home.

There is still no guarantee that you will still get a place even if all this information is in place as we have very strict quotas in place (roughly 6 pupils from each class of 35 OR 96 places from 535 across the whole school) but it may help us act quickly to offer you a place should one become available at very short notice.

Our staff are still working on ways to accommodate further **Learning Bubbles once it is safe to do so.**

I am sorry we can not be of more help to you and your child at this time.

Yours sincerely ,

Mr P McDowell
Head Teacher