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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into the second national lockdown today, I wanted to write to you to provide reassurance that schools across the Trust are continuing to follow the guidance from the Government ensuring that they continue to have in place the recommended safety and control measures.

Across the Trust, we had an extremely positive first term and it was clear that the provision that staff had worked hard to put into place was working well. Staff across the Trust will continue to do all that they can to ensure that the schools can remain open as set out by Government.

In a further announcement yesterday, the Government provided some additional guidance for schools during this national lockdown period, which included:

- Pupils in Year 7 and above should wear face coverings when moving around the communal parts of the building, such as corridors where it may be difficult to maintain social distancing. They do not need to wear face coverings in classrooms and there is no need for pupils in primary school to wear face coverings. If your child is in Year 7 or above, your school will be writing to you further in this regard.
- Staff that are extremely clinically vulnerable are advised not to attend the workplace. This may have an impact on the teaching arrangements for your child and again, the school will write to any classes that are impacted upon by this, providing you with as much detail as they can with regard to the ongoing teaching arrangements for the class.
- Wrap around childcare can continue, but after school clubs whose primary purpose is not childcare cannot.

You will all be aware that the infection rate appears to have been increasing across Bath and Somerset. Should there be any positive corona virus cases within our schools, we will continue to follow the guidance from the Government and Public Health. As you will be aware, this may mean that your child will be asked to self-isolate and the school will deliver remote learning for them. It is also only right of me to share with you that, whilst we will do all that we can to keep all classes (and where applicable wrap around care) open, there may be times when this is not possible, for example if staffing levels are impacted upon by teacher illness. All schools have in place contingency planning to offer remote education should it be necessary to close a class for a period. Schools will do their utmost to ensure that parents are provided with as much notice as possible if this becomes necessary.

As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and encourage you to continue to follow closely the guidance that schools have provided you with regarding drop off and collection and what do to if your child or a member of your household has corona virus symptoms.

With kind regards,



Emily Massey
Chief Executive Officer