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Dear Parents and Carers

Mr Chris Huscroft
Chief Executive Officer

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you, on behalf of all the staff in our schools. Your support over the past couple of weeks has been unwavering and is very much appreciated as the staff navigate their way through the new systems implemented to support your child(ren)'s home learning.

I also wanted to write to you in an effort to keep you as up to date a possible with what is happening in our schools. You will no doubt have seen/heard that the Department for Education recently announced that it will start a programme of asymptomatic Covid-19 testing in primary schools for all staff during the next week. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms, so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Tackling the pandemic requires identifying asymptomatic, infectious individuals. This will be done through testing and we hope will help to reduce the spread in our schools.

The reason for explaining this to you is because I feel it necessary to give you the 'heads-up' about the impact this could potentially have for our community and in particular for you as families. As you can see, up to a third of people can have the virus without even knowing. With the planned testing taking place in our schools, this I believe will inevitably mean more people will find out they are positive and will therefore be required to self-isolate. The impact in schools will be that bubbles which include the positive staff member, will have to close.

I am therefore urging all families, to please ensure that you are prepared to access all of the things required of your child to undertake learning from home. I feel it is of particular importance for those families who feel safe in the knowledge that their child(ren) are currently attending school full-time to be prepared for accessing the various platforms used in or schools.

I do hope that giving you this information will allow you adequate time to make any preparations or contingency plans should your child be required to isolate.

As always, I would like thank-you for your continuing support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Chris Huscroft".

Chris Huscroft
CEO