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Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding surrounding the re-opening this week.

I find out all the information at the same time as you and then we have a matter of hours to put plans together, and even then, we spend a day on it only to receive a 'change' to expectations at 2.40pm!! But, that said, we do it, and do it the best we can, so I'd like to publicly say thank you to my incredible team too.

Today we have welcomed back all those who want to be back. I completely understand those of you who have chosen to keep your children at home and I want you to know that I support you in your decisions. As a parent myself, this is a huge decision to make. In mainstream it is made slightly easier with their directive, but for you, you have to make that decision yourself really.

We have carried out testing on those Year 7 and above who wanted it, and all have tested negative which is reassuring.

I do have a large amount of adults in the building though and with the reduced number of pupils, would appreciate the opportunity to keep my staff as safe as is possible too, and I feel that we would have a better chance at keeping everyone safe if I can minimise this number of adults, particularly whilst the rates are so high.

Therefore, I am going to send you a survey, which I would like you to complete ASAP, so I can put measures in place in which to have a reduction of adults in the building. So we will have a face-to-face team in school and a work from home team overseeing the online learning, and swap this weekly. I am going to suggest that if you do not feel safe or comfortable sending your child back at this point, then the earliest date for return will be the 18th January (I will check this with you again next Thursday as to what your plans are for the following week) and we will work week by week. With me knowing numbers weekly, this means I can potentially have less adults in the building, we can get laptops to those in need across the county with more than just a couple of days' use, we can set up and send home



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FSM vouchers for a week rather than a couple of days, and when I test my staff on Monday, it will be a reduced amount, so quicker to manage, and we will know that every adult in the building that week is negative. There will also be a box on the survey to say you want a different return date for those who are currently self-isolating or poorly.

I hope you appreciate the need for me to do this. I am by no means refusing your child education nor would I, I am merely trying to manage the needs of the pupils whilst keeping my staff safe too.

Please look out for the survey later and return ASAP.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and to all of you who left wonderful messages on social media yesterday. I shared this with the staff and it was very welcomed and appreciated by us all, and made a few of us cry!

Keep safe and well.

Tracey



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