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Dear Parent/Carer

Good morning please find attached a letter from Mrs Brett Headteacher at Holywell First School who this term is the chair of the Seaton Valley Partnership Headteachers group.

It states the provision that the schools in Seaton Valley will be offering from Monday. We are still awaiting clarity on who is considered a key worker.

Can I just clarify that the provision that we will be offering is not in anyway a normal educational experience there will only be 1 teacher from each school there and the work will be very much based on the online work you have already had a letter about. There will also be a member of senior leadership from the federation as well as well as support staff.

There are no LSAs provided as most of them are now self isolating and if you child has special provision made for them it is most likely that will not be available from next week. There will also be no snacks at break time and food will be a packed lunch.

The federation will do all it can to support the 3 identified pupil groups but I have to be honest the provision will not be at the normal standard.

Also as parents you will need to bring your child to Whytrig Middle School. If your child also misbehaves due to the nature of the provision we may have to send them home as there will not be the staff available to support them.

I am sorry if this sounds very bleak but I want to be clear with everyone that while we will do our very best over the next few weeks there will be issues that you should be aware of.

As a federation we are responding to the need to keep as many of our staff safe and sound and away from others to slow the spread of the virus whilst also providing your child with some provision.

On different note may I congratulate all the pupils who attended today they were a credit to you and the federation. Tomorrow is the last day for many of them for some time can you please make sure they take all their "stuff" home from their lockers including lunch boxes!

Can I thank all those who have given us feedback on the communication you have received and the kind words you have sent us.

Finally despite the rumour that I had contracted the virus that is not the case. However as of tomorrow I will be self isolating due to an underlying health issue. I will still respond to emails and work very hard along with all my leadership team colleagues to give you information on what is happening. I simply will not be in school but there will be someone if you need to talk to them. Or continue to send emails and school gateway messages and we will respond to them.

The last few days have been very strange and I hope we have made them as easy as we can and I wish everyone all the best and ask that you all stay safe and will see you all as soon as possible and when the government says we can!

Yours sincerely

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher

