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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you as well as you can be in these difficult times.

As you may be aware, the Federation has had its first member of staff test positive for Covid 19, which sadly resulted in some pupils being sent home to isolate.

This is not something that any of us wanted and we all hoped would not happen. However, if we are truthful we all perhaps expected it to happen at some point. The federation has been in contact with Public Health England (PHE) throughout the process, and the action that was taken was based on their guidance and advice. I am sure you will join with me in wishing the staff member a speedy recovery.

The pupils who were sent home were identified by PHE, and PHE decided that no one else had to be sent home to isolate. Please be rest assured that if we should get more positive cases, we would follow the advice and guidance given to us in exactly the same way that we have this time.

You will also be receiving a letter every week that shares with you the number of cases and people isolating in the federation, so that all our parents and carers have access to the same accurate and up to date information.

As the term moves on it is becoming more clear that things that would normally happen in our schools will not be able to happen. Whilst this is a great shame, we obviously have to ensure the safety of our staff and young people as best we can.

A number of parents have asked me what is happening concerning SATs, GCSE and A Level examinations next year. At this moment in time, we cannot share with you as this information has not been shared with us by Ofqual or the government. As soon as I know anything I will let you know. People have also been asking if we know anything more about what form further restrictions in England might be, and the impact on education. We monitor government announcements very closely, and we will always endeavour to pass on relevant information as soon as we have it.

All any of us can do at the moment in time is follow the Covid 19 safety precautions and I ask that you keep reminding your children of these. The other thing we can all do is keep supporting each other in these difficult times.

I wish you all the best for the weekend and hope that you continue to keep yourselves safe.

Yours sincerely

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher

