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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware from my letter yesterday, absence levels for pupils and staff due to COVID-19 in some Wigan schools has already reached a critical stage. Fortunately, we have not reached this level yet, but if the correct decisions are not made by everyone, we soon will be.

In my weekly letters before half-term I very clearly stated how important collective responsibility is in these difficult times and I would like to reiterate that it is incumbent upon us all **to make the right decisions at the right time** to keep as many of our pupils in school as possible.

Therefore, **I am now insisting in the strongest possible terms you follow the guidance below:-**

- If **ANYONE** in your household goes for a Covid-19 test or is going to go for a test, **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL** whilst you await the result.
- If your child is not well or if they show any of the symptoms of Covid-19 **PLEASE KEEP THEM OFF SCHOOL** and secure a test for them as soon as possible. Only send them into school when they are fully recovered.

We know from experience that when parents/carers fail to follow this simple guidance it will impact up to 80 other pupils, who from no fault of their own then have to self-isolate for 14 days, missing vital school time. This missing school time is not good for any years, but has a more significant impact for those pupils studying their GCSE's.

I yet again implore all parents to follow the guidance. If you are unsure about whether to send your children in because of a particular set of circumstances, **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM IN** and telephone or email for further guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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