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Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for your continued support through these challenging times, this certainly has been a testing week. I am pleased to share that our staffing levels have significantly improved to how they were last week and a number of staff are now known to be returning in readiness for next week. We do still have staff out of school and this will invariably be an ongoing challenge we have to do our best to manage.

At the point of writing this letter we feel that we are in a good position to welcome Year 9 back onto campus on Monday. Currently all year groups will be expected in next week, but should anything change over the weekend we will let you know as soon as possible. The only students who should not be on campus are those who have been requested to self isolate either as a result of close contacts identified on campus or through external contacts. As always, any students who present with the known symptoms should not come onto site until a test has been completed and negative results obtained.

During the time that Year 9 have been away we have had a reported a positive case within this year group and close contacts have been asked to isolate along with any staff who may also have come into contact with this case. We have also had staff who have reported positive results this week too.

We continue to ensure all cases are reported to the LA, DFE and where appropriate the local PHE team. Their guidance and support has guided all we have done so far and will continue to do so. Each case is handled in accordance with the guidance we have received and we do our best to communicate as promptly and effectively as possible.

It is vital that the whole community continue to adhere to the guidance that has been issued by the government but more importantly that students follow the safety measures in place in school, in particular:

- Frequent washing or sanitisation of hands
- Wearing of face coverings in all social spaces and when moving through the corridors
- Socially distancing, especially from other Year Groups
- Adhering to the movement plan in place

Working together as a community will provide the best possible chance of limiting transmission in school and keeping everyone, including those at home safe.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Your sincerely

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