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Dear Parents and Carers

### **High levels of staff absence**

I am writing to keep you informed that we are currently experiencing extremely high levels of teaching and support staff absence. We now have a number of staff who are isolating either because they have tested positive for Coronavirus, or their child has. In addition, in a small number of cases, teachers are unable to come to work because their child's school or nursery has partially closed. Staff absence is higher now than at any point in the previous two years.

Our objective at the current time is to continue to be able to deliver face to face education and to avoid any sort of partial closure if at all avoidable. As such, all remaining staff are being asked to cover lessons for absent colleagues whenever they are available and, in some cases, we are collapsing our timetable to increase group sizes. All available capacity is being utilised at this time to ensure we can deliver our curriculum as normal.

I would like to ask for your continued patience at this time. We particularly would like to ask for your support when it comes to pastoral issues as we may not be able to get back to you as soon as we might normally like to. We may also ask to defer parent meetings until after this period of staff absence has returned to more normal levels.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Brand**  
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