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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I wanted to write and thank you all for the way you have adapted to the new routines in schools since the start of the autumn term. I know headteachers are proud of all the pupils and their families for following the new systems ensuring that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible.

It is important that everyone continues to follow the rules put into place at each school including wearing a face mask on the school grounds and maintaining a 2m distance from others at all times. I know we are all getting weary of the restrictions but they are there to keep us all safe. If you are approached by a member of staff and reminded of the procedures please treat them with the respect they deserve.

Schools have now completed baseline assessments for all pupils and the work you were completing at home has had a positive impact. There is still much work to do in school to fill the gaps in learning caused by the lockdown but pupils have returned with a determination to succeed. Well done everyone.

I recently met with headteachers to discuss remote learning which would be put into operation if your child, class or year bubble is required to self-isolate due to a positive coronavirus test result. I can assure you that schools have been further developing remote learning provision and will be sending information home the first week back after half term.

Willows Academy Trust is managed by a board of directors and they are looking to recruit two new directors for 2020/21 academic year. They are looking for individuals with experience in finance preferably accountancy and/or financial services and education from the primary/secondary sector or school improvement services. If you would like further information please contact the clerk to the board Diane Dakin at ddakin@sawley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk who will provide you with further details.

Whether you are staying at home or going away enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on the 2nd November for what I am sure will be another eventful term.

Yours sincerely

J. Haigh

Mrs J. Haigh
CEO Willows Academy Trust

