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Dear Parents and Carers

Further Update on Confirmed Case of Covid-19

I am writing to provide more information following my update on Sunday evening. As you are aware, a member of staff that works within the kitchen has tested positive for Covid-19. The member of staff was last in school on Thursday 10th September. Therefore, 72 hours has passed since they were last in the kitchen. The kitchen, as always, has been cleaned thoroughly.

The kitchen team are now self-isolating for 14 days. A small team from Halton School Meals, who provide our service, is now providing packed lunches. This is a reduced service due to much smaller numbers of staff available.

Please be assured that unless it was safe to do so, the school would not be open. We have no concerns that the kitchen staff member was in 'close contact' with students, which is set out below and we have taken advice from Public Health England.

Examples of close contact include:

- close face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time – including talking to them or coughing on them
- being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes – including travelling in a small vehicle
- spending lots of time in your home, such as cleaning it

I am sure you can appreciate this is an ever evolving situation and although the initial communication with parents and carers was on Sunday evening; we acted on the information as soon as it was received.

I also want to reassure you that there is no reason why you should not continue to send your child(ren) into school. As you are aware, school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development. I completely understand the feelings of anxiety and frustration; we are continuing to do everything possible to reduce the risk to our community.

We will keep you up to date via our website and social media platforms. Please continue to work with us as we navigate through this challenging period and join us in wishing the member of staff well.

Yours sincerely

Mr Critchley
Principal

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