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Dear Parent /Carer

Firstly, I would like to begin with a big thank you for all your support over the autumn term and during these changing times due to the pandemic. It has been and continues to be a challenging time for all families, especially when needing to self-isolate and make family arrangements.

I am pleased to be able to share with you, we had an HSE (Health and Safety Executive) inspection last week and the feedback was very positive. The inspector felt that school has been open and transparent with its communications with parents/carers and noted that we were the first school she had inspected which has published its risk assessment on the school website. There were also some points for consideration which we are seeking to review and implement. We were the first special school she had inspected and recognised the challenges faced in special needs provision as social distancing can at times be difficult for the needs of our pupils.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work in implementing our safety measures and all families for their continued support.

As you will be aware Wakefield is in Tier 3 and transmission rates remain high, this is presenting school with ongoing staffing difficulties linked to self-isolation requirements. To this end, we will be amending the school timetable in the final two weeks of this term to best support this, stay open, monitor cases and isolation using our Track and Trace. This will see all classes being class based from Monday 7th December. This will support pupils and staff in further minimising and reducing their contact with others. We will return to the usual timetables in January when we return on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Key stage 4 option groups will be suspended for the next two weeks.

We would like to ask that over the Christmas holidays, if your child or household member tests positive with covid that you please report this to the absence line on 07531746427 by text, leaving a message with the following information :

Date symptoms began & date of test

This way, we can establish your required isolation period and when your child may return to school. This will also support us in establishing the last date of contact in school and therefore if we need to contact other students or staff to ask them to self-isolate.

Once again, I would like to thank you for all your support during this time.

I wish you and your families a lovely Christmas and that you all remain safe and well.

Kind regards

Mrs Rebecca Thompson
Acting Head teacher

