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Dear Parents

As we approach half-term I am writing to you to celebrate everything that has been special about Willow Tree Academy and our schools over the last eight weeks. It has been an extraordinary time but as always our team has risen to the challenge, providing outstanding learning opportunities and going the 'extra hundred miles' for your children.

If you have not caught up with our videos and Harvest festivals please visit the school websites, you are in for a treat!

We have been thrilled to receive your wonderful messages of support (please keep these coming) and it is lovely that you are 100% behind us in what we are trying to achieve for your children. Please don't underestimate how much these messages have meant, and how they have lifted the leadership team and all Willow Tree staff, as we approach the end of such an exhausting term.

Across our Academy we have had significant bubble closures in three of our schools, where children and staff have either tested positive or been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Thank you again for your support in helping us to minimise the disruption during these times. 341 children and 41 staff have self isolated at some point this term, this causes much anxiety for us all as we know that children, families and our staff are contracting the coronavirus and becoming ill. However, we are pleased to say that most children and staff are recovered and back in school.

As you know, from Saturday the 24th October, Rotherham is in 'local lockdown', this is a local Covid alert level of Very High and Tier 3. You can find information here;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-very-high>

This means that the infection rate is escalating and so now, more than ever, we have to continue to work together to keep everyone safe. Containing the virus is the first important step in eradicating it. This is our aim so that we can keep our schools open after half-term and so that your children can continue to enjoy their education in school.

During our bubble closures we have implemented our new Remote Learning Policy and together we have made this very successful. You have ensured that your children have connected with their teacher on a daily basis, both in the live lessons and through their independent learning and this has meant children have continued to make progress. Thank you!

Next term we will be holding our Pupil Progress Calls with you, these will replace Parents' Evening, we are hoping for 100% attendance please, it will be lovely to share your child's progress with you.

If you didn't know it before, you will now - our staff are amazing! I want to say thank you to them for doing a phenomenal job and for approaching the daily challenges in such a positive way. Special thanks go to our premises team who have worked relentlessly to keep the school clean and sanitised.

What a wonderful term it has been! Time for a rest now! Have a wonderful break and stay safe!

There is no doubt that together we can beat Coronavirus CoVid-19 and keep healthy and happy if we work together. Together Anything Is Possible



Kind regards

Mrs Jane Fearnley

Mr Tony Trueman

Ms Louise Greenwood

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