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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the country goes into another National Lockdown on the 5th November, I want to reassure you that we are continuing to be vigilant in protecting your children and our staff across Willow Tree Academy. Our schools will remain open and learning will continue with the most outstanding provision we can offer during these challenging times.

I know many of you will be anxious about the escalating cases in Rotherham but please ensure that you send your child to school during lockdown. If you have any concerns please talk to your class teacher and seek clarification before you keep your child at home.

As you know, many parents have already had to respond quickly to bubble closures and we appreciate your help with this. ***I would now ask all parents to have a contingency plan for childcare in case of this emergency.***

In my letter before half-term I notified you of the numbers of staff and children across our Trust who have needed to self-isolate and unfortunately we know some children have been sent to school when family members are positive or symptomatic. Therefore I am asking of your help in ensuring that;

If you have symptoms then you should self-isolate and book a test. Even if your child is not showing any symptoms they need to self-isolate too, as they may be asymptomatic and carry the virus.

In the event of a bubble closure, we will provide remote home learning and these systems are well established in each of our schools and working well. If a child is vulnerable or self-isolating we will, of course, ensure teaching and learning is in place. However, ***during lockdown teaching will continue in classrooms, therefore, we cannot provide individual learning if parents choose to keep their children at home.***

It is important that we continue to work together to enable us to come through this crisis, please protect your children and family by upholding the lockdown and following the guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

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

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Mr Tony Trueman

Ms Louise Greenwood

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