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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all managing as best as any of us can at this time. I think we have got to the stage where we have either been personally affected or we know of people who have been affected by this pandemic. Whether that be through illness, financial hardship or mental health. Together the WFS family will try its very best to support each other. Please talk to your class teachers and they will feed anything back to me or email [office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk)

Unfortunately, this week I have had to work from home because I was contacted by track and trace to self-isolate. It's all a bit of a mystery as I have only been to school or the petrol station; my husband and I have been completely shut off otherwise. Mrs Kehoe and Mr Thomas have kept everything going at school beautifully and the use of technology now means I can continue with all the meetings etc. My period of isolation stops tomorrow at midnight, so I will be back in school on Monday.

The heavy snow we had at the weekend forced us to close last Monday. John Caldwell (Site Manager) and Steve Withers, (Assistant Site Manager) do an amazing job keeping our school safe, but it is such a big site that clearing the snow and ice was impossible. They worked hard Monday to get school ready for Tuesday. We also have to make sure we have enough staff to get in, some of which travel from the Welsh borders, and our transport collecting pupils can also prove difficult.

I am delighted to say that some of our Clinically Extremely Vulnerable pupils who have been shielding have had their first vaccine. This is great news and I can see a light at the end of the tunnel.

Holiday club will operate 16th, 17th & 18th February. It gives time either side to give the building a break and also the staff. Many of the staff have also been home schooling and/or caring for elderly relatives. I think sometimes the fact that we have families can be forgotten.

The remote learning policy has been updated and is on our website, along with lots of other useful information.

Finally I am delighted to say that Sian Ackerley will be returning from maternity leave following the birth of her beautiful twin boys. Sian will be working alongside Lyndsey McKaye-French, until Lyndsey goes on maternity leave and then Sian will take on the class.

Please stay safe and thank you for your continuing support, it is very much appreciated.

Kind Regards

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