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'Academy Trust School specialising in Complex Learning Difficulties and Disabilities'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupils have had a great week in school with lots of really good learning taking place in the class groups. Pupils are enjoying exploring a range of different books and stories across the school some of the older pupils are enjoying The Hunger Games which they have enjoyed telling me about. It is good to see so much IT being used to support learning in the classrooms, as well as pupils accessing the food tech room and the out door spaces so well. Science is being taught predominantly in classrooms with some of it back in the science lab however due the situation his week we have had to use the science classroom to support our COVID testing processes. So well done to all the pupil and all the staff for all progress and learning that is taking place.

As you will be aware from the communication you have had, we have had several positive covid cases across this week fewer than the week before, but still having an impact on us. We are in touch with Public Health England and they are very positive about the way we are managing the situation therefore we are continuing in the same way next week. This means that class groups will stay together and there will be only minimal movement of teachers and staff around the school to keep groups as separate as possible. Masks will be worn in communal places (outside class groups) where social distancing can not be maintained. When pupils play outside they may be in mixtures of two or three class groups but always the same mix. Please be aware that although we are minimising movement of staff there will still be times when staff have to move between groups, therefore the groups are not entirely separate from each other. We will continue to monitor the situation next week and if we do not see an increase in numbers of cases we will be able to consider moving to the time table where there is an increase in movement of staff between classrooms to deliver specific subjects etc... we will take advice from Public Health England before we make this move.

Once again – thankyou all for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Ruth Zimmerman Head Teacher

