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Dear Parents / Carers

As you may be aware, the number of Covid-19 cases in Derby, especially in school settings is rising. We are finding this in some of our Trust academies and are monitoring the situation closely. Your academy leaders will communicate with you if there are positive cases linked to your child's class.

Our Derby Public Health team have issued some guidance to all schools and academies to note that a move to remote learning in the last week of term will be permitted if the risk in school is deemed high. Public Health are not advocating a move to remote learning but accept this may be necessary for some schools if a significant, uncontrolled outbreak occurs.

**We aim to remain open to all pupils next week as long as it is safe to do so.** A decision for individual academies will be made on a case by case basis. The situation in all our academies is being very closely monitored. As I'm sure you will appreciate, this is a fast-moving situation and decisions may need to be made at short notice so I wanted to ensure you were aware of the possibility of remote learning, even though we hope this will be unnecessary.

Should a move to remote learning become necessary for any of our academies, we will communicate with you as soon as possible. **In all cases, school will remain open for Key worker and vulnerable pupils (those who were eligible in the January 2020 lockdown).**

Our risk measures remain in place and we are working hard to keep everyone safe. Please help us by undertaking regular lateral flow tests. If your child shows any symptoms, please keep them home and seek a PCR as soon as possible. If there is a positive case in your household, please keep all children home until you have received a negative PCR (or 10 days after symptoms started). If you are unsure, please phone your academy and we will help you.

If you have any queries, please speak to your academy. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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