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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you after yet another busy week. I would like to congratulate our students for their continued maturity in commitment to their learning in these difficult times. Attendance has been superb since we have returned and your support has been appreciated.

The purpose of this letter is to expand upon the procedures that are followed if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the Academy, resulting in some students isolating.

In the event of a confirmed case we track and trace contacts from the point of potential infection, the Department for Education and local Public Health team help us to identify exactly what date this is. Close contacts are isolated while parents/carers are notified; if your son/daughter has been identified as a close contact, arrangements will be made with you for them to immediately return home. Your child will have a letter detailing how long they should isolate for, please note that it is not necessary to get a Coronavirus test unless they display symptoms, nor is it necessary for the rest of the household to isolate.

Remote Learning in the event of self-isolation

After half-term, if your son/daughter has to self-isolate, they will be able to access all of their usual lessons via our online platform Microsoft Teams. Teachers will livestream their lessons, so that your child can follow their normal timetable online.

We have produced some important information on how to access the livestream lessons as well as a student code of conduct which outlines our expectations of students when joining lessons via Teams. Students will be able to ask questions during the lesson using the 'chat' facility and upload their work to Teams for the teacher to assess. Furthermore, the lesson resources will be uploaded to Teams so that they can be used at a later date if your child is unable to join the Teams lesson live.

- [Click here to access the Parent/Carer Guides](#)
- [Click here to access the Student Guides](#)

Thank you as always for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via email on info@biddickacademy.com

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Morris', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Miss K. Morris
Headteacher

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