

10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families,

**Re: SEND update**

Yet again we find ourselves in unprecedented times. We appreciate the strain and anxiety that this is placing upon families and wish you all the best during this second period of lockdown.

We are also aware of how important a role school plays for students during this time, particularly for students who have additional needs. As a school we are continuing to implement the best support we can to address individual needs, but please be mindful that the current 'Bubble' closure and guidance on those deemed clinically extremely vulnerable means that our learning support team has been severely hit, and we are currently working at around 40% capacity. This is unlikely to change until the end of next week as a minimum and could potentially drop further.

That said, Mrs Tarr, Mr Ross, and Mrs Cox are working tirelessly to help maintain support for students, and teaching staff have been given additional strategies to support individuals. We also have a large number of cover staff within school during this period who may be unfamiliar with individual needs but myself and the HLTAs are working to support these staff to ensure that they understand what needs to be implemented during lessons.

We are continuing to run interventions where staffing permits, we have a busy schedule of annual reviews taking us through to Christmas, and we are continuing to work with external support agencies to provide the best care that we can in this difficult time. I am writing to you just to keep you abreast of our current situation and ask for your understanding if the level support that you receive as a family is not at the high level you are accustomed to.

If you do have any questions, then feel free to contact your keyworker or HLTAs who will still be available to help remotely. If it is a general question then email Sophie Coffey [Sophie.coffey@taw.org.uk](mailto:Sophie.coffey@taw.org.uk) and she will direct your enquiry to the appropriate member of staff.

Regards



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