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Dear Parents / Carers

The increase in the numbers of staff and students contracting Covid-19 since the start of this term has meant that the last two weeks have been particularly challenging. If your child is absent due to Covid-19 and they are well enough to do so, please encourage them to continue their learning remotely. This will reduce the impact of their absence and make it easier for them to catch up on any missed learning when they do return.

I am aware that the guidance on what to do if members of your family contract Covid-19 can be confusing, especially in light of the recent changes. For the most recent guidance please use the following link, alternatively please contact the school office who will be happy to help:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please can I also ask you to encourage your child to wear a re-usable face mask where possible

Staff absence has meant that we have needed to offer a reduction in the level of catering services since the start of term. Whilst we are still not able to offer a pre-school service, I am pleased to report that a selection of hot food is now available at lunch times. We will keep you informed as we work towards a return to our normal service.

I am pleased to note the increase in the number of parents using the Groupcall Xpressions app. This is an excellent way of communicating between home and school. If you haven't already, please use the green information sheet sent home in December to download the app. Should you have any difficulty in logging into or using Groupcall Xpressions please telephone the office staff who will check your information on our database and support you to log on.

On a different matter I would like to inform you that I have taken the decision to retire at the end of the current school year. It has been an enormous privilege to serve the Christ the King school community as Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher for the past 17 years and I have always really appreciated the support of staff, governors and parents as part of this journey. The governors have now started the process of recruiting my successor, please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this crucial task.

In the meantime there is still a lot to accomplish in the next two terms as we continue to strive to ensure that your children get the very best education at our school.

Yours sincerely

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