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Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, from last night's announcement from Government regarding COVID 19 guidelines, schools will continue to remain open whilst ever we can staff them appropriately.

This may result in some partial closures with your child(ren) school to ensure we are in line with ratios, where we are operating on reduced staffing numbers due to them self-isolating in-line with the latest guidance from Government. Where this is the case you will be informed separately and details for home learning will be issued. Updates will be available on the Trust website which is at www.smat.org.uk and I would ask you to check this site regularly for updated information, as the guidance is changing on a frequent basis from Government.

The safety and welfare of your children and our staff remains our highest priority. Please appreciate this is being reviewed on a daily basis following any new releases from the Government and we will keep you informed as any such changes arise.

Please note that if your child has a cough and/or temperature over 37.8° they should not be in school and any siblings should also remain at home for the 14 days self-isolation period. If anyone in your household has any of these symptoms your child should remain at home as the latest guidance states whole households should self-isolate for 14 days.

Within school we have increased hand washing and general hygiene, we have carried out a risk assessment of activities taking place in school to reduce large group contact and ensuring all areas are cleaned to the highest possible standards.

We appreciate your co-operation at this difficult and stressful time.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Priestley
Chief Executive Officer

