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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well, and coping with the new lockdown restrictions that have been in place since 5th November 2020.

As I outlined in my parent update on 2nd November where staffing presents an ongoing issues, some year groups may have some disruption to their day. We have currently have a number of staff who are self-isolating. To reduce the pressure on school, and to keep the school safe we are asking Year 10 pupils to leave school at 12pm on Wednesday 18th November 2020, instead of 2.30/2.45pm. If this presents you with an issue, please email me directly at scl@eastbury.bardagelea.org.uk, and we will endeavour to make some emergency provision. The canteen will be open to year 10 at 12pm should they wish to get lunch before leaving school.

This is not a decision that we have taken lightly, and we are working tirelessly to keep school open to as many pupils as is safe to do so in order to reduce disruption to learning. Year 10 pupils can use this time to complete any homework, as well as checking on SMHW for tasks to complete from class teachers

Can I also ask you to remind your son/daughter of the need to not congregate with other youngsters on the way to and from school and to go straight home once school finishes. Please can you check website and emails every morning at 8am, to check if there is a need for your son/daughter to learn from home

If your son/daughter has any of the following symptoms, then they must remain at home until they have either had a negative test, or the self-isolation period has been completed.

High Temperature
Any change to taste and/or smell
New persistent cough

The school must be informed of any positive tests immediately, along with the date of the test, the date the symptoms presented and the date given for the end of self-isolation. Providing us with a list of your son/daughter friendship groups will also help us to identify the correct pupils in school for self-isolation

Any households with a positive test must all self-isolate for the prescribed amount of time.

Can I also ask that no parents/carers come onto school site without a pre-arranged meeting, as we really want to reduce the number of visitors on-site. Wherever we can we will try to arrange virtual meetings for everyone's safety. This is a very challenging time for us all, and



we want to keep school as safe as we can – but we can only do this if we all work together. If you are not receiving emails from school, can you please inform the office of your email address so that the system can be up-dated. Checking your emails is imperative, as this is the most efficient way of communicating to a large number of parent/carers in the shortest period of time.

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Many thanks for your continued support.

Sharon Collins
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