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Dear Parent and Carers,

**On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July the Director of Education for Children's Services** invited all the Head teachers for an emergency meeting regarding the current **COVID-19** situation. Subsequently, we have been asked to share some very important messages with you.

The infection rates in Dewsbury and Batley are higher than any area of Kirklees, with concerns for the BAME community. The LA have decided on a number of actions and these include:

- an additional mobile testing unit to be set up in Batley
- encouraging families to take up the offer of testing
- help for families that test positive - this could be help with housing, travel or shopping.
- financial support for small businesses who are forced to close because of Covid-19
- protection bags for families – these will include face masks and hand sanitising gel
- street ambassadors will be placed in the area and will offer advice and reiterate the public health messages
- religious and business leaders will be offered places on webinars to ensure public health messages are disseminated within our communities
- anyone who has tested positive will be encouraged to provide information for 'track and trace' as this is essential if we are to prevent the virus from spreading.

To emphasise the seriousness of this, all households will be sent out letters later this week with key messages. The council will ensure that this information is available in different community languages therefore a link will be on the original letter in English.

It is extremely important that we adhere to the above messages for the safety of all. Schools can only control what happens inside the school building but it is up to you to take a responsible approach and adhere to the rules in your homes and communities.

You will receive further communication informing you about our September plans.

Thank you for your continued support and once again please follow the public health guidelines as the increase in our area is very worrying.


Yours sincerely


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