

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

These are very difficult times for our island.

As you will be aware, we are running school hubs for the children of essential workers and those who are most vulnerable. Whilst we will continue to do all we can to support our students, parents and carers through this challenging period, we are also mindful that the advice from Government is to **keep your child at home if you are able to do so**. As the Chief Minister noted in the press release on January 11<sup>th</sup>, any person-to-person contact increases the risk of spread of the virus.

We are doing our utmost to keep children and staff safe whilst they are in school. However, in order for our hubs to function, we need to have a number of personnel on site. This includes teachers, education support staff, canteen staff, cleaners, and a trained first aider. Clearly, the more people we have on site, the more chance there is of the virus being passed on.

If you have no alternative but to send your child to one of the hubs, please note that if feasible, we will require students to wear face coverings from Thursday onwards. We do have a limited amount of disposable masks available, but to be effective these have to be changed regularly. The preference would be for you to provide your child with their own face covering.

**I am therefore asking you to please keep your child at home if you are able to do so.** This is in the best interests of everyone on the island.

I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr K Winstanley  
Headteacher