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Dear Parent and Carers,

On behalf of all the schools within the Tandridge Learning Trust we would like to thank you for your support throughout this first half term, in what has been a very different start to a new school year. As you are aware, we had to make a lot of changes within all schools to ensure pupils and staff could return safely. Rigorous plans and risk assessments were drawn up for each school during the summer holidays and we have amended and adjusted these as we have worked through the first seven weeks of this half term.

We have had confirmed cases in some of our schools and these have been dealt with swiftly but with great care, in order to protect children and staff and to ensure we limit any spread of Covid-19. Each case is different and requires a specific approach. We would like to emphasise that confidentiality and guidance rightly demands that individuals are not identified. We would like to politely remind parents that details cannot be shared with regard to any individual, whether this is a child or a member of staff, so respectfully we request that parents don't ask us to name individuals.

All schools have remote learning plans in place and these can be quickly implemented to support groups who are sent home to isolate or individual households isolating. We are doing everything possible to guard against any further loss of learning and to ensure children who need to work from home have materials, support and feedback to keep them on track. We recognise the difficulty and pressure that isolating bubbles or individuals' places on parents and can only thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work through the challenges of this pandemic.

We are seeing the national numbers increasing at a substantial rate and of course this is very worrying. As a Trust we want to do everything we can to minimise cases in our schools and keep our communities as safe as possible. Our Executive Board met earlier this week and we have made the decision to take an additional step in order to increase safety across our schools. Our intention is to require face coverings for adults to be worn on our school sites for the drop off and collection of pupils each day. Although this occurs outside, we feel that it is sometimes difficult to socially distance in playgrounds and local paths at these times of the day. This precautionary next step is also a good opportunity to model good practice for our pupils, for them to see the wearing of face coverings when coming together. As it is now common practice in shops and on public transport, we hope it will not present too much inconvenience for our parents and carers.

We intend to introduce this straight after half term and we thank you in advance for your continued support and adhering to this additional measure to keep parents, staff and pupils safe. Within our school safe areas and bubbles, such as classrooms, we will continue as normal and there is no expectation for staff to wear face coverings within these spaces, unless there is a specific close working or health related exception.

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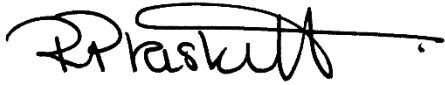
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We would like to say a huge thank you to all staff across each of our schools who have worked so hard and maintained such high standards to keep our schools operating safely and effectively during the pandemic.

Tandridge Learning Trust would like to wish all pupils and parents a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming families back at the start of next half term.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Plaskitt', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rebecca Plaskitt  
Chief Executive Officer