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Important Communication from the CEO:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term of 2021, I would like to thank once again, our parents/carers and communities for their support throughout this challenging time; we continue to receive some wonderful feedback and positive messages which are extremely appreciated within our academies and we will continue to develop our approaches, adapting to situations as effectively as we can. We have now implemented engagement trackers within our academies and these are reviewed on a weekly basis to further support our pupils throughout the Trust.

We have also introduced live lessons within each of our academies and have received some positive comments from staff, pupils and parents about these. You may recently have seen in the media concerns around safeguarding during some live lessons. I can assure you that within our Trust we take all areas of safeguarding very seriously and our staff members have received training to ensure that they are following all safeguarding policies and procedures at all times including whilst online. We have recently updated our Remote Learning Policy to include safeguarding and this will be available on your academy website.

Updates on Infection rates:

This table reflects the data up to 5th February 2021. It is broken down into areas which all our academies serve so that you are updated on the infection rates within your local area.

Academy	Community Infection Rate	Up or down from the 21 st January 2021
Hill Top	160.3 per 100,000	Reduced by 26.7 per 100,000
Edlington Victoria	64.9 per 100,000	Reduced by 162.2 per 100,000
Carr Lodge	214 per 100,000	Reduced by 53.5 per 100,000
Sandringham	145.1 per 100,000	Reduced by 212.8 per 100,000
Sheep Dip Lane	129.8 per 100,000	Reduced by 47.2 per 100,000
Doncaster	202 per 100,000	Reduced by 74.7 per 100,000

Access to the voucher system for Free Schools Meals:

- Each academy has now moved to the government national voucher scheme Edenred and these are supplied to families on a weekly basis. (Term time only)
- The Local Authority have agreed to fund vouchers for half term
Please contact the academies if you are experiencing any difficulties in accessing these vouchers

Pupil Remote Learning whilst at home and in the academy:

All pupils should have access to the remote learning platforms, Seesaw App or in Early Years the Tapestry app. As pupils are not in school it is extremely important that they access their remote learning, if pupils or parents are finding this challenging please could I ask you to contact your child's class teacher either via the app or by telephoning the academy and we will ensure that support is provided.

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We appreciate the difficulties in home-schooling, particularly if you are also working from home, and we do not wish to put parents under any undue pressure, but we do need pupils to access their learning in order to continue to retain the learning that they have already completed this year.

Uploading daily lessons, videos and activities:

- Teachers will continue to upload daily through the app.
- These are manageable for pupils and parents and through the app you are able to contact your child's class teacher should you have any concerns. Teachers are also able to offer feedback to pupils/parents on their completed learning.
- Individual plans will continue to be followed for pupils on EHCP if they are not attending the provision. Teachers will contact individual families to set this up.
- Communication will be updated on the academy/school website, through email, twitter and via text messaging services

ICT Devices:

As previously mentioned if parents require any remote learning devices for their child(ren), we can provide these. Our DFE devices also have access to the Wireless network. Please contact the academy and they will make the necessary arrangements to have these sent to you. We also recognise that it is difficult to share devices so we are trying to provide 1 device per pupil.

Remote learning presents many challenges for our pupils and parents, however we appreciate the hard work that you are all giving to help with your child's learning. If you do require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact your academy and they will try and help you in the best way that they can.

We will continue to update our parents and carers, with any further information. As always, it is essential that we continue to approach this in a calm, measured and conscientious way.

I want to reassure all parents and carers again, that the education and safety of our pupils and staff are paramount in our planning, as well as the need to provide continuity in our provision.

Finally, I would like to thank you again for your continued support and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe half term break. Please take care, and remember that it is important that we continue to follow all government guidance to keep our families and communities safe.

Stay Safe and Take Care!

Yours sincerely

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CEO**

