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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to provide an update on the current Covid-19 Outbreak within Leek and the Moorlands and some of the impacts this will have on the Academy for the rest of Summer term.

We have been working hard to plan and provide as many opportunities for our pupils to take part in trips and events outside of school as possible. However, due to the local outbreak involving the high transmissible 'Delta' variant within the Academy and surrounding areas we are having to change these arrangements.

After receiving instructions from the Staffordshire County Council Outbreak Team, we will be cancelling all trips, rewards trips and visits that were planned for the remainder of this Summer term.

I know this is will come as a disappointment to you and our pupils as it does to us but this difficult decision has been made following guidance and for the following reasons:

- 1) To reduce the potential periods of close proximity e.g. unessential bus travel
- 2) To reduce/remove the potential for interaction with pupils or the general public leading to further transmission of the virus
- 3) To avoid further bubble closures and isolation periods for our pupils and you as our parents and carers
- 4) To provide the best educational opportunities for pupils within the Academy

This will also mean that planned events by our PTFA such as the after-school discos and car wash will additionally have to be postponed.

For those of you who have already provided funds to the Academy for these trips, a full refund will be provided in the coming weeks. Please be patient with the Finance Team as they want to ensure that everyone receives the correct monies and this will take some time.

For those parents/carers involved in the PGL trip, I will be writing to you separately regarding the arrangements for this specific event.

If you have any concerns please use the Academy Contacts page on the Academy website.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Hutchinson
Principal