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Dear Parent/Carer,



Good morning. School remains open today as normal.



You may have read over the weekend that schools in another London borough are closing after tomorrow after a directive from the Leader of the Council. I believe Waltham Forest Heads will be asked to attend a meeting this morning to discuss the situation in this borough where cases are significantly higher than many other areas of London.



Despite my overwhelming belief that children should be in school for their mental health and well-being, my priority is ultimately keeping them and my staff safe and also you and your families safe too. In this situation, as a maintained school, we will follow the advice of the Council who have so far been supportive and offered sensible guidance throughout this period.



There is a lot of confusion about Mobile Testing Units and whether children should go to them and if they should self-isolate whilst waiting for a test. We were told last week that an MTU may come to Heathcote this week. I will also ensure I receive answers to this in the meeting today. If you visited an MTU at the weekend, please follow the guidance you were given.



Please keep reading Parent Mail as it is likely that things will move fast between now and the end of the week.



All the best



Emma Hillman

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