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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well.

Please remember all individuals need to continue to self-isolate as soon as they show symptoms of Covid–19, and arrange for a test as soon as possible. This guidance is particularly important if your child is currently attending our on-site provision.

Please keep us informed of any test results. If your child is attending school, it is important we know when your child is safe to return to school.

I have some further Frequently Asked Questions to respond to in this letter. Feel free to email in any questions (admin@shsharingey.co.uk), or concerns you may have, and I will do my best to answer common questions and resolve issues.

## Has the school had any of the difficulties with Free School Meals and food parcels which have been highlighted in the media?

Throughout both lockdowns, our school has been providing vouchers, which are redeemed directly at a supermarket, to our families entitled to Free School Meals. So, our families have not been affected by the food parcel problems.

If you feel you are entitled to Free School Meals and have not been receiving your vouchers, please contact us immediately. Vouchers can be reissued in need.

From next Monday, we will be returning to a hot meal offer for our children attending on site. The menu will not have as extensive an offer as usual but will provide some options and will take account of any allergies and special diets.

## Is the school going to be testing the children for Covid -19 soon?

The NHS will soon be providing the school with lateral flow tests for use by staff. These will not be used for children.

Staff, who choose to take part in the test program will test themselves, at home, twice a week. As the tests are designed to detect asymptomatic cases of Covid – 19, we may see an increase in staff self-isolating, and possibly bubbles needing to close.

## Can you support my child to be more motivated with their remote learning?

Our staff meeting this week has a focus on ensuring teachers are providing as much support for learners with special educational needs and with English as an additional language. While this is not as straight forward as it would be in the classroom, we were impressed by the strategies teachers are already using when creating their remote learning content.

Teachers are happy to make quick weekly phone calls (or more often if time allows) if you feel your child would benefit from this. This is already happening for many of our children. Please email in if you feel a quick phone call would help.

Yours Sincerely,

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