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Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware, on Saturday evening the Prime Minister gave a Downing Street press conference to announce a four-week national lockdown in England from Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December.

We agree with the Prime Minister that keeping schools open should be a priority. Our children only get one chance at education. The Bedfordshire Schools Trust (BEST) will continue to follow government guidance and give everything to ensure continuity of learning for all.

Our schools remain fully open to all children. Moreover, should one of our pupils need to isolate, each school has a Remote Learning Policy which indicates what lessons are available and signposts the many valuable educational sites that may be accessed.

However, we are experiencing increasing numbers of COVID-related staff absence. Should this reach a critical point, all schools have comprehensive contingency plans. You will be kept fully informed by your child's school.

Of course, this is a challenging time for everyone. Understandably, many of our pupils, parents/carers and staff may be worried. Please rest assured that everyone is doing all they can to make our schools safe, vibrant learning communities. Schools strictly adhere to government guidance and comprehensive compliance reviews are in place.

Equally important, are our staff and your support. Our staff are working tirelessly in the most extraordinarily challenging circumstances and you are making a huge contribution, with your support and encouragement. I am so grateful and proud of the BEST community.

In wishing you well, I finish on an extremely positive note. On Sunday 1 November, Campton Academy – formerly Campton Lower School – joined the BEST family of schools. We are thrilled that this Outstanding school has chosen to become a BEST school: you are most welcome indeed!

Please continue to look after and support one another.

Kind wishes

Dr Alan Lee

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