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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and keeping safe. I am very pleased to inform you that the Trust has been tremendously impressed with how well that school has managed the Covid situation over the last three months. The effort that has been made to keep all of our pupils and staff safe and happy in school has been nothing more than incredible. It has involved a great deal of organisation and effort such as extra cleaning regimes, organising our bubbles, providing home learning as well as the normal teaching in school and meeting virtually to avoid contact. This has impacted on all of our staff team, but they have shown by working so effectively together that anything is possible. I know that you have felt entirely confident in how this has been managed, and this has been proved in reality by the lack of any outbreak of the disease in school.

However, all of this does come at a cost. I know staff have been under constant pressure as a result of this situation in school on top of the stress we are all under with our disrupted home and family lives.

In consideration of this the Trust has recommended that school has a wellness at home day for staff on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. We feel that post lockdown it will provide a very welcome little break from our current demanding regime. We also feel that this gesture will be very good for staff morale and that they will be heartened by the gesture of recognition and support from us all. The school does have work on the Home Learning platform – Purple Mash; https://www.purplemash.com/sch/queensbury

I know this may present some childcare issues for some families, but would ask for your consideration and support in this matter. Could I also ask that if possible you take the time to send a message into school in appreciation of the efforts and dedication staff have shown? I know this would be very well-received and greatly appreciated.

We are coming to the end of a year that has been like no other, and it is great to see that there is some light at the end of the tunnel, and that hopefully within six months we can all get back to the lives we enjoyed before all of this.

May I thank you on behalf of everyone for your support and appreciation all through this difficult time. Please keep well and keep safe,

**Steve Hughes Trust CEO** 

Executive Head Teacher









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