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Good morning, Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, I am sending you this email, having tested positive for covid-19, which has frustratingly kept me out of the Academy recently. Whilst I know that the virus has also impacted many of our staff and pupils, it seemingly feels that we have been able to overcome a challenging half term that has included a full Ofsted inspection, a year group closure and the heavy unforeseen high level of staff absence.

However, on a positive note, our Academy community has risen to the challenge of overcoming adversity with our leaders, teachers and support staff pulling together to provide our pupils with the best offer we can. This, combined with a supportive and positive parent body, has demonstrated that we certainly have the strong partnership required to see our educational offer continue to improve.

I am fortunate to be able to move around all of our classrooms freely, and I have been speaking to many pupils daily. This has demonstrated that our pupils at Raleigh and Admirals have made real progress over the first half of the Autumn term. They have been presented with some new approaches to behaviour management, accessed some new and exciting curriculum changes, and of course, fully embraced the 'culture change' that has been driven by the implementation of our new values programme. Whilst these things can take a little getting used to, in short, our pupils have been very open. They have been resilient and embraced our change culture, which is driving our improvement journey. Together, we have made an extremely positive start!

Given the turbulence of recent weeks, we are now obviously running behind on some key initiatives that we intended to deliver by this half-term break. Our major half-termly newsletter is delayed but will, of course, be brought to you after the holiday, and the re-launch of the Academy 'house system' is also now behind schedule. Further to this, and somewhat out of our control, the building of our new trim-trail has been delayed by a few weeks, but this will hopefully be completed well before Christmas.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support,

Stay safe, and enjoy the half-term break,

**Mr. Greg Sadler**  
Executive Principal