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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a letter from the Trust Board of the M20 Learning Trust and the Local Governing Body (LGB) of Beaver Road Primary School.

The last 6 months have been particularly challenging for us all as a school community. It has been encouraging to see how the large majority of our school community have pulled together and mutually supported and respected each other through this difficult time. The leadership and staff team in the school have continued to work collaboratively with the Trust Board and Governing Body, and we are fully supportive of the decisions and actions that have had to be made. Together we have discussed and agreed our approach, including safety arrangements in place, to keep our school community as safe as possible.

As you will be aware, we are now facing confirmed COVID-19 cases within our school community. Unfortunately, this means that some whole classes need to self-isolate, as well as other staff and children from classes across the school needing to self-isolate. This is not the situation any of us would like to be in. The leadership and staff team are working hard to prevent any further spread of the virus, whilst continuing to provide the most effective teaching and learning possible for your children in the circumstances.

We would like to reinforce the importance of continuing to work positively and respectfully together as a school community to support the excellent work of the school in these complex circumstances. We appreciate the positive support and collaboration that the leadership and staff have received from the large majority of parents and carers in what is a difficult situation for everyone. However, we are also aware that there are others who have a differing opinion regarding the actions and decisions that the school has had to make. Whilst we respect these opinions, we thought it might be helpful to explain the processes behind the decisions made, which are not possible to be changed unless the government guidance is updated.



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The safety arrangements that are in place have been devised in accordance with official government guidance and are approved by the Trust Board and the LGB.

The responses from the school to the confirmed cases follow advice and guidance from Public Health England (PHE), The Department for Education (DFE) and Manchester City Council (MCC). Those responses are subject to the scrutiny and approval of the Trust Board and the LGB. There are scientific uncertainties surrounding the transmission of Coronavirus and the contraction of COVID-19. In these circumstances, the leadership team of the school must follow official guidance and in particular advice from PHE and the DFE. We appreciate that decisions taken in accordance with that guidance and advice may cause great difficulty for individual families. However, it is also important to appreciate that the staff and leadership team are working immensely hard under difficult and stressful conditions. It is vital at this time that we give them our full support.

Yours sincerely,

David Allan

Chair of M20 Learning Trust

Lynne Allan

Chair of Local Governing Body