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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governors after our virtual Local Governing Board meeting on Tuesday evening. My Chair's Report contained a reminder to all Governors about our priorities during these unprecedented times; these included monitoring the mental health and wellbeing of our Scargill community and the provision of remote learning.

First of all we would like to thank all our front line key worker parents for everything they are doing to help locally and in the wider community. Our thanks also go to our Scargill staff who have continued to work during this lockdown, for remaining positive, juggling their own home life whilst providing an excellent level of home learning and a rounded education to the children in their care. School staff were given the option, nationally, to invoke their right to remain away from school if they felt their workplace was unsafe. Not one of our wonderful staff decided to do this; for that we are truly grateful. Staff are currently participating in Lateral Flow testing twice a week to ensure, wherever possible, there are no asymptomatic staff on site. This enables us to keep as many 'bubbles' open as we can.

In the Report from the Head of School we were provided with statistics regarding other schools nationally; on average schools were running at around 15% of full capacity, with staff working on a rota to accommodate the needs of the children. In comparison, Scargill is currently up to around 49% of capacity with a full staff team on site.

As Governors, we would ask you to keep your children at home accessing the home learning unless you have no other option. In his presentation to the Governors on Tuesday evening Mr Attenborough shared with us some examples of the work you have carried out with your children – you are doing a great job.

The Governors send their thoughts, prayers and good wishes to the whole Scargill family. Let us hope that it will not be too much longer before we are able to welcome all children back to school.

Yours sincerely,
Linda Webster
Chair of Governors