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Dear Anthem families,

## **Remote education update**

Once again, we find ourselves in the grip of a full national lockdown following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening, with our schools required to move to remote education for all but key groups of children.

The past few days have arguably been some of the most challenging yet for school leaders, at an already hugely difficult time for us all, as they try to navigate how best to meet all their obligations and ever-changing Government demands. Each school is different, and every school leader and their teams must make decisions based on what they believe is best for their school community, and that is exactly what all Anthem schools are doing today in response to these latest developments. This may take a little time, so please bear with your school while they put arrangements in place. They will communicate their remote education plans as soon as they can.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the Trust's position on aspects of remote education provided by our schools, in particular the delivery of live lessons as this is something I know many of you feel strongly about.

As things have moved on quite a bit in this area since the Spring lockdown, we have reviewed our processes and protocols around remote education at Anthem schools and have agreed that our schools can choose to deliver live lessons provided they are:

- safe – in line with government safeguarding guidance
- inclusive – taking into account the needs and circumstances of learners and their families
- the most effective approach to the learning.

There is no obligation on our teachers to deliver live lessons, however. More information about remote education at Anthem schools can be found on the Covid-19 page for parents on the Anthem website.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your continued understanding and cooperation in the face of all these ongoing changes and challenges. We will get through this together.

Kind regards,



**Andy Yarrow**  
**Chief Executive**