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To: Parents, Pupils and the school community

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Dear Parents, Pupils and the school community

As Chief Medical Officer I have been clear throughout this pandemic my view that keeping children in school must be a key priority for us all.

We all know that the COVID pandemic has been very damaging to the wellbeing of children. including their mental health. as well as to their

