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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 outbreak at Richard Rose Central Academy

I would like your support in stopping the COVID-19 outbreak at the school.

Last Friday, I asked all parents and carers to get their children at the school tested for COVID-19. Thank you to everyone that did so.

That testing found many more pupils who were positive for COVID-19. We now know of 95 positive cases (78 pupils and 17 staff). This is a very significant outbreak.

Because of the high number of positive cases we have recommended that the school building should remain closed for a further week, with home learning arrangements continuing.

However, we need to do all we can to make sure when pupils return to school the infection does not start spreading again.

So, if you have not yet taken your child for a COVID-19 test, I strongly encourage you to do so.

The results of the testing will help us plan for how pupils can return to school safely.

You can book a test at Carlisle Castle, Carlisle Airport or get a home testing kit delivered. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to book, or call 119 if you cannot get online.

School has been working incredibly hard to manage this situation and has followed all public health advice closely. With your support we can get this situation under control and pupils back in school.

Yours sincerely



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Director – Public Health