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Good afternoon everyone

I hope that, even in your bubbles, you have managed to enjoy a little of the autumn sunshine today. School has been beautiful! So beautiful, in fact, that I've taken some pictures that you can see here on our COVID-19 page. I hope they give even the most reluctant teenager a little twinge of longing to be at school.

This is mainly a quick reminder to let me know this evening if you are intending to send you child or children to school from Wednesday next week. At the moment, parents of around 50 students across the whole school have told us that they will be sending their children to school, which is close to what we expected. This is not a commitment, and you are welcome to change your minds, but it gives us a good idea of what organising we need to do.

I will write in more detail tomorrow to everyone to explain exactly how we will be running Level 3 at Pinehurst - yes, we will have to make a few more changes to our plans, but we know what those will be, and we're just waiting to confirm likely numbers.

In the meantime, as you will see if you click on the pictures of the school I took yesterday and this morning, we are busy getting the school ready for students and staff next week. It's going to be a scaled down, very safe environment for the students and staff who are in school, and it will look a little different in Level 3, but we're just happy to be able to open our school up to at least some of our community again. And looking forward to the time, hopefully very soon, when we welcome everyone else back. I miss everyone!

Have a good afternoon and evening, and I'll write again tomorrow.

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