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Dear parent/carer,

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and competing pressures we will not be measuring year 6 this academic year, we would encourage you to weigh and measure your own children. How to do this can be found here https://youtu.be/i8_mubVl6hk and then use www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator to identify if your child is underweight, a health weight, overweight or obese.

Once calculated you can access advice and tips on how to support your child to achieve and maintain a healthy weight here www.nhs.uk/change4life/your-childs-weight/home

Parents often find it difficult to tell if their child is a healthy weight. Whatever their weight, it is important that children eat a healthy diet and are active every day to develop a healthy body.

We feel that it is important to let you know, that while the measurement programme has been halted, we can provide individualised support to families to help support health lifestyles.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's weight or wish to discuss any health concerns which could impact on your child's education, please contact the School Health Team using the details at the top of this letter.

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Yours sincerely

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If you need to speak to someone about your appointment, please contact the service directly using the details at the top of page one.

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