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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that all day students will continue with remote learning on Monday, January 11th and Tuesday, January 12th.

Most of our residential students have been off campus for the recess and will be returning this upcoming weekend. We will be testing all returning residents for COVID-19 upon their return and keeping them in cohorts by dorm until we receive the results.

To minimize the risk of infection of students we want to give time for our health center staff to receive all of the test results before we welcome all of our day students back to campus. We will conduct remote teaching for all day students at the Brewster campus on January 11th and January 12th and will resume in-person teaching for all students at Brewster campus on Wednesday, January 13th.

Residential students will stay with their dorm cohorts and will Zoom with their classroom teachers while waiting for their test results. We recognize that this plan poses a disruption, but we believe this course of action is important to lessen risk and prioritize health and safety, both within the Green Chimneys community and in our many home communities.

Each student will use the same schedule from last week during this two-day distance learning.

Distance-learning can be challenging for students, their parents and the staff. We appreciate everyone's efforts, collaboration and dedication as we work together to keep our community healthy and safe. We truly believe that our students belong in school and look forward to safely resuming in-person teaching to all of our students on Wednesday, January 13th.

Please note, Clearpool day students will begin in-person learning on Monday, January 11th as planned.

Thank you,

Jerry Newell Principal