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Dear parent/guardian,

As you will no doubt have seen in local news recently, the school has unfortunately been the victim of a hacking and ransomware attack. While we are still investigating the causes and outcomes of this attack, it would appear that our access to all of the school's recorded information has been frozen and we are told that it is unlikely that our access will ever be restored.

We are working closely with the Police and with a Cyber Security firm that specialises in this sort of attack to try to establish what happened and where we go from here. However, in the meantime we are doing everything we can to deal with the situation. We don't have all the answers yet and would ask for your patience as we continue to investigate and plan for the new school year.

The incident has also been reported to the Information Commissioner's Office and we will of course work closely with them to resolve any Data Protection issues arising.

The Local Authority has provided us with certain basic pupil information. However, it is of vital importance that we have emergency contact details and information about medical conditions such as allergies so that we can safely accept children to the school on the first day of term so we will be in touch soon to ensure that we have all this information up to date.

We appreciate that you will be concerned about the data breach described within this notification. We can assure you that we are taking all necessary steps to address the situation.

