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Dear Parent/Guardian.

With advances in technology schools are now in a position to be able to offer students, remote access to the curriculum through the use of a robot called an AV1. These devices are accessed by the school from the Education Access team at Essex County Council in very exceptional circumstances, once extensive medical evidence has been provided to the school. This evidence is assessed by the Education Access team before approval for the use of the AV1.

We would like to take a moment to explain to you what the AV1 is, and how it fits into the classroom. AV1 is a personal avatar that enables children suffering from long-term illness to partake in the education and vital social aspects of school, from home or the hospital bed.

The AV1 sits in the classroom and allows the home-based child to partake in lessons, from asking and answering questions, to working on group projects with classmates. Using a one-way video stream and two-way audio stream, the AV1 allows the child to be able to see, hear and communicate with classmates and teachers.

The child and the teacher will interact with the AV1 in the same way as they would with any child: by talking to it.

We understand that you may be concerned about a "streaming device" being in your child's classroom, but the company called No Isolation who provide this service have ensured that the AV1 meets even the most stringent child safety standards around the world, and they have achieved this through using multi-level security protocols.

Please be assured that the AV1 is password-protected, uses encrypted video streams, is accessible in real-time only, and locked to a single device. In addition to this, whilst the child accesses the device, they are unable to take screen shots.

More information about the device can be found here at www.noisolation.com. We thank you in advance for your support and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr. P Norris Headteacher