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Dear Parent / Carer

Channel 4 Documentary Series entitled “Class of” (working title)

I’m writing to update you on the filming that has been taking place at The Link Academy since the beginning of the academic year and to ask you to carefully read the information below about parental/carers consent for children who might appear in the series.

You should have all received letters that were sent out initially on 10th and again on 27th August 2020 which outlined the ambition of the series and the practical steps that we take to ensure the welfare and safeguarding of all contributors, particularly children. If you have not received these letters please make us aware by email or text, and we can get this information to you.

We appreciate that since we last wrote to you, it has been a very difficult and challenging time for many families during two further lockdowns. We have been working closely with the Trust and Channel 4 to be able to continue making the series whilst operating within Covid-19 guidelines at all times. As I’m sure you can appreciate we have had to scale back some of our production and filming during this time.

We have now completed the majority of our filming, and are in the process of editing the material into what we anticipate will now be four or five, 1 hour programmes. We are in regular conversation with the parents, carers and learners who have been more prominently involved in filming.

If your child is to feature in more than just background shots – for example if they are speaking or are the focus of a scene - we will be in contact with you directly to give you more details of their contribution and to request your consent for them to appear in the programme. We want to reassure that no child can be broadcast without a parent/carers consent if they feature in more than a background shot.

There is a possibility that your child may be identifiable in the background of some scenes filmed at the school by our team, or by the learners at school. **If you do not consent to your child appearing in ANY OF the background of shots, please contact us on the email or phone details below. If you have not notified us, it is important to understand that your child may be recognisable in the finished programmes.**

We want to thank you for your continued support for the series and also to the parents, carers and pupils who have already agreed to take part in the filming.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to any more information. The production team can be contacted on **07960 201 645** or by email thelink@label1.tv

Yours faithfully

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