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Dear Principal,

I am writing on behalf of the Child Adolescent Oral Heal Service (CAOHS) to let you know where the service is up to.

The aim of the CAOHS is to see, or at least offer to see, every child under 18 years of age that is enrolled with the service. Resources are tight to achieve this goal however pre-COVID-19 we were progressing well for the year ahead. Unfortunately, the CAOHS ceased to operate for a significant period with nearly a third of our schedule lost for this calendar year.

Heading into term three, we're only just up and running again to a normal level but still have to take time and ask COVID-19 triage questions to comply with level one requirements. The reality is that the service will not get to every school this year however for those children in need with pain/infection etc. we do offer a relief service 06 350 8619 or 0800 talk teeth (0800 825 583).

Some schools have not been impacted due to having already been visited or having mobiles on site already however the knock on effect for you will come next year. Schools will be contacted in due course to arrange our service to visit but I ask for your understanding and tolerance as we return to normal.

Yours sincerely

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