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Communication by Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Restrictions

I would like to remind parents that since the return to school on March 8th we have returned to the health and safety arrangements which were in place during the autumn term. I would therefore ask that parents dropping off and collecting their children at the start at end of the day should not come closer than the post box at the end of Crabtree Avenue. We have been asked not to allow the gathering of a large number of people close to the school site.

In regard to my previous point I would also like to ask parents to discourage their children from congregating outside Sainsbury's at the start and end of the day. Under normal conditions local residents are put off by encountering large gatherings of young people, however, during the pandemic they are quite scared of the implications of having to walk through upwards of 50 pupils standing under the canopy outside Sainsbury's.

We are expecting a further update from the Government and the Department for Education on the measures to combat the spread of the virus in schools, during the Easter break. I will write to provide information about any changes that may be necessary following receipt of the update.

Year 11 GCSE Grades

Upon return to school on March 8th I wrote to the parents of Year 11 pupils to inform you of the arrangements we have made for the remainder of the time the Year 11 pupils will spend with us this academic year. Please find attached to this newsletter, more detailed guidance on the ways in which All Hallows will calculate the GCSE grades for this year's Year 11 cohort.

Canteen Provision

Since we returned to school on 8th March we have been operating a full service of food in our two canteens. Pupils can now access a wide range of hot and cold food, served safely from behind specially erected safety screens. If you would like to end the constant round of packed lunch making, please ensure that you have 'topped up' your lunch account and encourage your child back into the canteen to access our provision.

Work in Lockdown

As you are aware, many of our pupils, guided expertly by their teachers, rose magnificently to the challenges they faced during the lockdown period. I could provide you with so many examples of the quality work which was produced by so many pupils. If you would like to see some of the excellent artwork which our young people created, please click on the link provided where you will see an article, written by Mrs Calland, which made its way into the national press. Well done to all!

https://www.nsead.org/files/b430c29af6340743b6ee42c4fa0c43ee.pdf

Yours sincerely

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