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Newsletter – w/c 10th May

Dear Parents / Carers,

Updated Health and Safety Guidance

As you are aware, the Prime Minister made certain announcements on Monday of this week, regarding the next steps on the road map out of Covid restrictions. One aspect, particularly pertinent to our working lives was the advice and guidance on the wearing of face coverings in school. What is very clear from cases of self-isolation in schools and colleges close to ours, the virus continues its prevalence. Therefore, we are suggesting that we should follow the following guidance from Monday 21st May

- For pupils travelling to and from school on school buses, the wearing of face coverings remains compulsory
- Pupils will no longer be required to wear a face covering in classrooms or when moving around corridors or other internal spaces. However, we recommend strongly that pupils consider continuing the practice of doing so to help to minimise the spread of the virus through aerosol emission.
- Staff members are no longer required to wear a face covering in classrooms but should continue to wear one in corridors and when in spaces where it is difficult to maintain a distance of 2 metres.
- Any member of our community, staff or pupil, will be permitted to wear a face covering in any of the locations described if they choose to continue with this practice. We would expect everybody to respect the right of an individual to make this choice and in line with our principles, values and ethos we would not expect that their decision be met with any negative or judgemental comments.

Since we returned to school on March 8th, we have been very fortunate in not having been negatively impacted by positive cases of Covid-19. This has not been the case in many other local schools or in the local community. The virus continues to remain a clear and present danger. In view of this, we must reserve the right, following close analysis of the data over the coming weeks, to impose stricter control measures in school should they be judged necessary. Should we propose any further changes we will write to parents and carers to explain our decisions.

Year 11 'Leaving' Arrangements

Firstly, I would like to pass on our thanks to our Year 11 pupils, who have approached their internal exams in such a positive and mature manner. They have been a credit to their families and should be proud of the resilience they have shown in the face of the number of challenges they have faced during their time in Key Stage 4. Advice from the Department for Education is that, from Friday 28th May, Year 11 pupils no longer have to attend school. However, they remain on our school roll and we have the responsibility to direct the pupils towards further learning opportunities. We are in contact with our partner colleges and we will be able to provide pupils with links to materials which they can access

after the half term break, and which will be helpful as they prepare to take their next steps in education or employment.

Once the final exam has been taken on Thursday May 20th we want to provide our Year 11 pupils with a week of celebration before we break up on Friday 28th May. I hope that when you read the attached schedule of events, you will agree that we have put together a programme which justly marks the wonderful contribution that our current Year 11 cohort has made to our community.

2021 Uniform Lottery

Please see attached, an offer from Justs, one of uniform suppliers, which applies to those pupils who will be joining us in Year 7 in September '21.

Absence From School

This is a reminder that parents and carers should telephone school on the morning of a child's absence. This practice is most important to enable us to track absence, but more importantly, is a key part of our safeguarding procedures.

Covid Restrictions

Please may remind parents that our strict on-site protocols remain as we continue to try to combat the spread of the virus. Further easing of lock down restrictions are set to be announced in June, however, we will continue to operate in year group 'bubbles' until at least the summer break as it would be impossible to revert to a timetable which was originally written for a 'normal' school year with only a matter of a few weeks remaining of the academic year. We await further guidance on the expectations for schools at the start of the September term. In the meantime, may I remind parents that children should not be dropped off in the morning any closer than the end of Crabtree Avenue.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Horrocks

Headteacher