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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are all well, and have a restful break. We are looking forward to welcoming back your daughters this week. I am really delighted that we are able to return to a 'normal' school day which I am confident will really benefit our students, both pastorally and academically. I look forward to writing to you in our newsletter about all of the wonderful events which are taking place now that restrictions have been lifted.

The government's guidance for schools, which was published in August, outlines how schools manage COVID cases and prevent the spread of infection. Although we are relieved that the school will now return to pre-COVID arrangements, as I know you will be, it is important that we put in place steps to continue to keep everyone safe. We have also been guided by recommendations from the local authority which were in the letter (sent on Wednesday 1st September) from David Kilgallon, the Director of Learning and Systems Leadership, which outlines the LA's approach.

I wanted to outline expectations for students upon their return so that we can deliver high quality face-to-face education in a way that safely manages the risk of COVID:

- Students should continue to wear face coverings on public transport; they have the option to wear face coverings around school and classrooms, should they wish to.
- Students should continue regular hand washing and sanitising, including on entry into the buildings and to classrooms
- There should be no sharing of pens, pencils etc.

You may also be aware that arrangements for dealing with positive cases and contacts has also changed:

- Students who are contacts no longer need to isolate but must take a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate if they receive a positive test result
- If they are identified as close contacts, they are advised to take precautions such as wearing a face covering and limiting contact with others until a negative test result is received. This is especially the case if they are showing one of more of the traditional covid symptoms
- If your child is ill, please DO NOT send them to school. This includes if they have a sore throat, runny nose or feel generally unwell. If that is the case, they must do an LFD test before returning to school.



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If a student tests positive or displays symptoms, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days. Students should continue to take the twice weekly lateral flow tests.

I realise that this may sound like a regimented start to the term but the girls will experience this alongside a balanced induction programme and the excitement of being able to experience the whole school, including the annexe. I look forward to welcoming them back to a normal school and timetable. Thanks, as ever, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Avani Higgins
Headteacher