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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your patience and support throughout this challenging time. I write to you with the good news that for one week we have had no further positive cases of Covid-19 or additional staff being required to self-isolate. To this end, **all students will be welcomed back to learning in the Academy on Monday 7th December.**

I appreciate how our community has embraced the remote learning offer and I am pleased to report that this has enabled our Year 11 students to successfully complete a full suite of mock examinations. These examinations are absolutely crucial in order for those students to be prepared for their external examinations in the summer. I wish to congratulate our Year 11 students on their attitude and maturity in these unusual circumstances. We are all so proud of their resilience and willingness to adapt to these unprecedented times.

Our hope now is that we can minimise any disruption for all students in the coming weeks and months but although our remote learning offer appears to have broken any potential chain of infection in the Academy, we all know that Covid-19 remains prevalent in our local community. We must all do our very best to follow the Government guidance in order to reduce the risk from Covid-19 and to ensure we do all we can to keep one another safe. On the Academy site, at the most basic level, this means that all students must regularly wash their hands or use the hand sanitiser that is available; wear a mask in all communal areas; always remain within the year group bubble; and maintain social distancing, where possible, in particular from staff members.

For clarity, all students will return to full time provision on Monday 7th December, in full school uniform or PE kit if they have PE on that day; this is a Week B on our timetable. The Academy entrances for each year group remain unchanged and a reminder of the start time for each year group is below:

Year	Start of Day	End of Day	Building Entry/Exit Point
7	08.40	15.10	A Corridor Fire Exit
8	09.00	15.30	B Corridor Fire Exit
9	08.30	15.00	C Corridor Fire Exit
10	08.50	15.20	Front Reception
11	09.10	16.00	Front Reception

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For your forward planning, the finish times on Friday 18th December, the last day of this term, will be as above.

Our stringent Covid-19 protocols, risk assessments and safety measures will continue to be enforced. However, as I am sure you will appreciate, if further positive cases occur in our Academy, I am obliged to follow the guidance from Public Health England in order to reduce the risk to students, staff and the wider community.

In line with our Academy calendar, Year 8 parents' afternoon will take place through an on-line platform on Thursday 10th December, with further details to follow for those parents and carers involved. To facilitate this important event, **all students will be learning from home on the afternoon of 10th December**, with a staggered dismissal from site beginning at 12.30 and concluding at 13.10. All students will receive a break and a lunch on-site as usual and a pre-recorded lesson will be available on Microsoft Teams from 14.00.

Year	End of Day on Thursday 10 th December	Exit Point	14.00 Lesson
7	12.40	A Corridor Fire Exit	Humanities
8	13.00	B Corridor Fire Exit	Performing Arts
9	12.30	C Corridor Fire Exit	Science
10	12.50	Front Reception	Mathematics
11	13.10	Front Reception	English

This academic year, and 2020 in general, has been a challenge for us all. As always, I will do all I can to keep our students safe, as well as providing the opportunity for all students to be successful in their learning. If there is anything you wish to discuss, in the first instance, please contact your child's Tutor or Progress Leader through our EduLink app.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Deen
Principal