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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you enjoyed the half term break and are keeping safe and well.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 22nd February, we are now planning for a wider reopening from 8th March. Further information will be communicated with you when we are in a position to do so. We look forward to safely welcoming all students back to the school site. The health and safety of the whole school community remains our priority.

We will currently be continuing with our remote learning in line with government guidance. As we work towards a return date to school it is important that our students look to get back into regular routines so that they can adapt readily to the structure of the school day.

Staff are readily available to offer support to families and individual students during this time. Your daughter's Pastoral Manager is your first point of contact for general enquiries or your daughter's subject teacher if there are questions about schoolwork. We welcome Miss O'Hagan to the Pastoral Team; she joins us as Pastoral Manager for Year 9.

Assessment weeks

Well done to all the Year 7 students who submitted their assessment during the last week of half term. These assessments will be marked and used to inform their grades for the Spring interim report. Please note that students have completed these assessments under unusual conditions and are therefore just a 'rough indicator' of how they are progressing. If your daughter did not complete their assessment this will be indicated by an **X** on their report. If this is the case, please can you discuss with your daughter why she did not submit the assessment by the deadline set.

This week is the **Year 8** assessment week. Please could parents ensure that students have a quiet environment to complete these assessments. Parents/siblings should **not** assist with these assessments. Students should also avoid using textbooks or the internet to help them with their assessments. If student have additional support then teachers will not be aware of gaps in your daughter's learning and will not be able to provide the appropriate support when they return to school.

Future assessment weeks are as follows:

Year 9 assessment week - **w/c 15th March**

Year 10 assessment week - **w/c 1st March**

Year 11 mocks - **these will be postponed until 2 weeks after students return to school.**

COVID Testing

Our school COVID testing site has been in place for the last 7 weeks and has conducted nearly 450 tests.

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The tests are self-administered and most people have been surprised how quick and simple the testing process is. We have members of staff around to help guide people in how to undertake the test if needed.

As 1 in 3 people infected with COVID do not exhibit any symptoms, this is a fantastic way of helping to keep the school community safe.

If you would like your daughter to receive a COVID test when schools re-open please complete the consent form by following the link below:

- [COVID Testing - Consent Form - Pupils](#)

If you gave consent for COVID testing prior to half term, there is no need to complete the survey again.

If you have any questions please contact your daughters pastoral manager who will be able to provide additional details.

Free School Meal (FSM)

Free School Meals' vouchers from Edenred have been ordered to arrive by email on 23rd February and 1st March; please contact school if there are any queries. We would remind all parents to check expiry dates please; vouchers are valid for one month from when they arrive by email. Once you have redeemed the voucher, you will be able to see how long you have before it needs to be used in the supermarket; this varies a little from supermarket to supermarket. Please note that there is nothing we can do to help if vouchers have expired.

Thank you again for your continued support throughout this half term as we work together as a community to achieve the best for our students.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Adu
Headteacher