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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been great to see all our students back in school this week. Nationally, only 25% of secondary schools brought all students back into school on Monday 08 March, with many of them staggering the return of students over the whole week. Our students have responded really well to coming back to school at the earliest opportunity and I really appreciate the support you have given us to ensure students are wearing facemasks in line with Government Guidance.

COVID19 Testing

Our testing programme has worked very smoothly over the last fortnight and most students have now completed their 3 tests in school and we are in the process of issuing home testing kits. Thank you for ensuring that students arrived promptly at their allocated time. The remainder of in-school tests will be completed on Monday. We have had a small number of positive COVID19 test results and unfortunately this has meant that some students who have been identified as close contacts have also had to self-isolate. Once students are testing at home, they will go for a confirmatory PCR test (booked at a drive through testing facility) if their LFT test is positive, as it has not been done at school or another asymptomatic testing facility. The household must isolate until the results of the confirmatory PCR test have come through. Only if the PCR test is positive will they and their family need to continue to self-isolate. At this stage we would also ask close contacts in school to self-isolate. This is in line with Public Health advice. We obviously want to keep to a minimum the number of students who have to self-isolate, but will always follow this advice.

Training day

Our fourth training day of the year will be on Friday 23 April, as communicated in earlier newsletters. This change is to allow us to have a robust process of assessment and moderation to support students who should have sat exams this year. Further updates about timescales will be sent directly to the parents and carers of these students.

Car Parking

Unfortunately the volume of traffic coming into the school site at the end of the day has risen again and is at an unacceptable level. This makes it very difficult for buses and taxis that are collecting students to come into the school site safely. I would hope that all parents and carers would support us by not entering the school site in a car between 3.00pm and 3.30pm, unless they have permission from us to do so. We will monitor the situation over the next couple of school days and look forward to seeing this situation improve so that we do not have to staff the entrance and stop parents/carers coming into the school site during these times.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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