Thursday 21st January 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

By now you will hopefully be hitting some sort of rhythm with regard to the blended learning approach that we have adopted as a result of the current lockdown.

We thank all those who have supported their children to access lessons online, the feedback to date has been excellent from both teachers and parents/ carers.

As a school this has been a particularly challenging time as we navigate the ever changing and often contradictory advice given by the Government and the Department for Education.

Although we are expecting further news with regard to schools being fully open before the half term break, all of our experiences would suggest that we don’t hold our breath and we don’t assume that any plan offered even a week before the upcoming break will still be valid on the day we are due back.

Of course, this situation continues to put pressure on all of us to have appropriate and secure plans in place. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed at the earliest opportunity with regard to the schools position and the groups that we can accommodate based on the circumstances we face at the time.

With specific regard to those students who on the school sites, staff remain on high alert to notice any signs of COVID -19 infection. We continue to encourage the students to follow good hygiene practices, to maintain their social distances and to ensure that resources, door handles, tables, chairs, computers, toilets and areas used by the students are regularly cleaned with disinfectant.

In addition staff are tested weekly using the Lateral Flow Test to ensure that that are clear of infection at the time of the test.

In line with our risk assessment, it is clear that the best way to reduce the potential of infection is to maintain social distances and reduce the numbers of staff and students on the sites.

If the behaviour of a student results in a significant incident and they require staff to physically manage them to keep them safe, then their place in school will be put at risk. The school continues to operate without its usual tiers of support for children which limits our capacity to manage significant incidents and to keep all those involved safe.

As previously mentioned, our schools continue to make every effort to keep us all in a safe environment, following government guidance. However, I need to be clear that we cannot guarantee there will be no transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

Thank you for your continued  support  and please contact the school if you would like to discuss things further.

Yours Sincerely



Neil Toplass (Executive Head Teacher)