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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach half term I wanted to update you with some important information.

Following the fantastic feedback from parents, we have decided that all of our **Parents' Evenings** this year will take place virtually on Microsoft Teams (with the possible exception of Y8 - a decision will be made later in the year).

We will however, hold our Guidance Evenings in school, as we want to ensure that parents/carers have the opportunity to discuss things face-to-face with us if they wish.

We held our first Guidance Evening of the year last week (Y10), which went very well and parents told us that they were happy with our safety procedures. We really do want to keep the very special relationship that we have with our parents/carers, whilst at the same time keeping everyone as safe as possible and we feel that these plans do exactly that.

I have been delighted with our start to the new academic year and the first 5 weeks has gone incredibly smoothly. It is absolutely fantastic to see all the enrichment activities taking place at lunch time and after school, seeing clubs and sports teams return has been wonderful.

As you will have noted from recent emails, we are seeing a significant rise in COVID cases. We are being guided by Public Health England and if cases continue to rise we will have to reinstate the wearing of face coverings in the communal areas and/or classrooms. We are in weekly contact with PHE and if we need to move to these further measures I will of course inform you as soon as possible. I attach a letter from the DfE sent to all schools today regarding the COVID situation.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support, it is always greatly appreciated. Please remember that if you or your child are struggling with any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will do our very best to help.

Yours faithfully



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