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Dear parents and carers

COVID-19 Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support this term. This has been a challenging period, the likes of which I have never experienced before. We had unprecedented cases of staff and student absence, which required quite drastic action to ensure continuity of education for all. I am pleased our COVID contingency framework plans were robust and our Risk Assessment did its job.

With half term approaching I am delighted to share that both staff and student absences relating to COVID are once again very low. On that note after half term we will no longer be recommending that students wear face coverings in school. If students wish to do so then they are free to, however, we will no longer require students to wear face coverings in and around the building or in classrooms.

We would however still recommend that everyone takes a LFT on either Sunday 27 February or the morning of Monday 28 February before returning to school and then continue twice weekly testing until further notice.

As the weather steadily improves, we will once again rigorously enforce our “no non-school jumper” rule for all students. Those who wear a non-school jumper/hoodie to school will have it confiscated and returned to them at the end of the day, this is not a new rule but a reinforcement of the existing school uniform policy. School jumpers, cardigans and coats are of course welcome, but coats must not be worn inside in classrooms. Ventilation will continue, but this will be balanced with warmth and comfort for all. We will also make some adjustments to our one-way systems and catering options to make it easier for students to navigate the site, these will be shared with students this week.

I hope that all students and staff have a restful half term break and I look forward to being back after the holidays to welcome spring to our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely

Brett Jouny
Headteacher



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