

25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in my letter of 11<sup>th</sup> March, in order to restore our full provision for learning on campus, planning is now well underway for a return to lessons in subject specialist areas. Our systems for reducing risk of transmission, including long-term anti-viral products on surfaces, and the embedded use of masks and hand-gels, together with careful management of movement around the campus, will mean that students will shortly be able to revert to more familiar ways of learning. Breaktimes will still be staggered, for now, and will remain in identified year group bubble areas.

In order for staff to prepare for this development, and also to work on the arrangements for GCSE and A level grades this summer, there will be a staff Inset day on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. This INSET day will affect all year groups *except* year 7, and students in other year groups who need to undertake further assessment tasks or practical elements of their courses. These students will be notified by the relevant Subject Leaders. All students will return from the Easter break on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April into bubbles, as is currently the system in place. On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, amidst staff training and preparation, we will hold a special day for our year 7 children who have yet to explore the campus since their arrival in September. Students will be expected to arrive at normal time and to go straight to their tutor rooms. There will be orientation exercises and other learning activities to prepare them for moving between lessons. From Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, all year groups will revert to their former tutor bases, and will learn in subject specialist areas. Further details will be provided shortly from Directors of Learning.

#### Electric Scooters

We are advised by the Police that e-scooters are prohibited by law from use on roads, pavements or footpaths. For this reason, from this Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, e-scooters will not be permitted on school property. We are further advised that students using e-scooters may face a fine, or have their e-scooter impounded. As a school we must comply with the Law, and ask therefore for your cooperation in this matter.

#### COVID and Testing

I hope that you have found the testing kits easy to use, and that they have been a useful additional layer of reassurance. Our students will be picking up mixed messages regarding COVID at present from the media – between successful vaccine roll out, and 'third waves' across Europe. We ask for your help in maintaining vigilance, caution and consideration of others among our children.

As we approach the Easter break, I hope that you have some happier times ahead as Spring reminds us of new growth and opportunities.

Yours sincerely,



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