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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. It has been wonderful, over the last few weeks to see our pupils working hard in lessons and adapting to our new routines, they and the staff have been fantastic in ensuring we can return to school safely.

On Tuesday our planned High School Open Evening for incoming Year 6 pupils, had to be cancelled due to the current government guidelines. The evening was replaced with personal tours, in small groups, and this approach was well received. If you are a parent of a child in Year 6, I encourage you to complete the form that was sent out last week providing direct passage into Year 7. We already have a significant number of applications coming into school and I would not want your child to miss out on a place as we currently have waiting lists in every year group. We have also produced a short virtual tour of the academy for prospective parents and children to view on the website, or you can click on this link: <https://youtu.be/8h5RVpVqpmM>

In the short term, virtual evenings and presentations will become normal practice to support this approach and we will ensure that early notification is sent out prior to any virtual meetings so that we can assist you should this be a challenge in terms of Wifi connectivity.

We are fortunate that the weather has been warm and sunny as part of our strategy for maintaining our year group bubbles is the effective use of our outdoor spaces for break and lunch. However, the weather is starting to turn against us. Moving forward, it will be important that your child has **suitable items for outdoor breaks such as a coat and/or umbrella.**

I am pleased to report that we have yet to have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the academy, but we continue to be vigilant. Rest assured that we speak regularly with the authorities and Public Health England to ensure that we are maintaining the highest standards of safety possible. I do though anticipate that many of you will have increased levels of anxiety after the Prime Minister's announcement on Tuesday. In recognition of this, from Monday, **we will be asking our Secondary pupils to wear face masks** when they are in communal areas such as corridors and Pods.

I have attached to this letter a guide regarding the most recent Covid-19 guidance. I trust you will find this useful.

In conclusion I want to pass on my thanks for the kind words of support that have been sent into the academy. It is such a positive experience leading a school which sits at the heart of a local community, even through these most challenging of times! I encourage you to regularly visit our website and social media accounts to keep up to date with current news.

With warm regards

Phil Cosby
Acting Principal & CEO

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