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Dear Parent/Carer of Secondary Phase pupils,

As we begin our second week back at school, I write to you with some key information regarding the Coronavirus and other key news.

Firstly, I would like to praise the students for the positive way that they have returned to school. Lessons are going well and high levels of learning are taking place across the Academy. This year we are placing great importance on quickly closing the gaps that have appeared over lockdown with a specific focus on reading and literacy, as these are the most important tools for academic success.

This academic year I am keen to increase parental engagement in the academy, with this in mind I am keen to hear from any secondary parents that are interested in joining our Board of Trustees (Governing Body) as we currently have a vacancy. If you would like to know more about this role and what it entails, then please contact Ms Lewis the Clerk to the Trustees on <u>rachel.lewis@alecreedacademy.co.uk</u>

The Covid lateral flow testing, that has been taking place in the secondary phase, over the course of the last week, has been very effective in identifying pupils that have the Coronavirus and these pupils have been sent home to get a follow up PCR test. As highlighted previously, pupils are only expected to stay at home if they themselves have tested positive or are displaying Covid symptoms. The Government are due to make an announcement this week and it is likely that they are going to push ahead with the vaccination of children aged 12 and above. As and when this is confirmed I will provide you with more details on how this will be organised, such as how parental permission will be obtained.

The Secondary Phase Open Evening, for incoming Year 6 pupils, takes place on Tuesday 21st September 2021. I will be writing to parents with children in Year 6 separately to provide details regarding the event. To facilitate this evening the **Secondary Phase will finish at 1.15pm on Tuesday 21st September**. Students will still be able to eat in the restaurant before leaving the academy but will need to inform their SAFE Worker so that the restaurant know how many meals to prepare.

A number of students will be invited back to support and help with the evening event, either as guides or within departmental areas, providing taster lessons and demonstrations. Students returning on site for the Open Evening will be given a permission slip for you to sign and will be expected to return to the academy, in full school uniform at 5.15pm. The evening is scheduled to finish at 8.00pm.

Finally I remind you that our Restaurant is serving breakfast to pupils in the Secondary Phase from 7.45am, with free toast provided for those arriving before 8.15am.

We trust the early finish in the secondary phase does not inconvenience you.

Yours sincerely

Phil Cosby Acting Principal & CEO

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