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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you following the government announcements at the weekend. I am expecting to be able to provide more detail later in the week but wanted to ensure that we were in touch as students come back after the half term.

Our Health and Safety precautions were under constant review last term and we were adjusting as we evaluated our experiences. You may be aware that the following were adjustments we made towards the end of Term 1:

- New social spaces were established, starting this week, which give all year groups their own separate canteen server position.
- All assemblies are now held virtually through tutor time. Year group events are arranged to be staggered so that we reduce large numbers in any single space.
- We continue to proactively request the wearing of masks in corridors.

We do not know yet what updated guidance government will suggest as changes. There will need to be an aligning of the expectations set out for the previous tiered approaches and that of the anticipated national lockdown. As soon as we have received this and made relevant decisions we will communicate with you. I would hope that will be as soon as possible in the next few days but we are dependent on the DfE releasing updated guidance.

I should at this point remind you that attendance at school is still required under government guidance, remote learning applies “*where a class, group or a small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or local restrictions require pupils to remain at home*” as per our remote learning protocols which can be found on our website. May I take this opportunity to remind you that if your child is absent due to illness you should contact the College every day that your child is off to avoid receiving a phone call from the Attendance office. Please email [attendance@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:attendance@heathfieldcc.co.uk) or telephone 01435 866066 Ext 1201 (please leave a voicemail if busy).

In the meantime, we continue to ensure students are supported to continue their learning in familiar and safe routines and environments. We have clear approaches for most eventualities and so we will continue this week to ensure all are familiar with what they need to do in most scenarios.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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