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Dear Parents/Carers

This is a brief update at the end of our last week of home learning. I have already sent out a lot of information which will take people time to absorb. The most important thing I would ask from you is to revisit detail sent out on Wednesday and understand:

- The times and days your son/daughter need to attend College for their test.
- The requirements for uniform and equipment for a return to College.
- The details of full return for all students and safety measures required.

Can I also ask that you prioritise topping up your child's canteen account? We will not have the capacity, alongside the testing, to manage large numbers who do not have funds to support their break or lunch needs on the day.

It is completely understandable that students, and parents, will feel a bit anxious about the return. It represents yet more change, we should acknowledge and understand our own responses to that. We do know that our pastoral staff, good home-school relationships and well-being techniques will be able to support students. The first activity they will complete when back is a tutor time session to refresh the norms involved with life in College. We understand there will be ups and downs as we settle back into routines. The measures in place will be reviewed at Easter and we will ensure student voice is strong in that process. I believe we will navigate this extremely well but we will also continually monitor and adapt as necessary.

My main message at this time is of gratitude and appreciation. I am phenomenally grateful to our staff for their commitment to the standards of learning provided, the tracking of engagement and support offered. I am very appreciative of the students for their resilience and honesty, they have shown maturity and impressive commitment. All of this is uniquely enhanced by the bonds we share with you as parents. You have shown understanding and empathy for all parties involved and this has been instrumental in the power of our community and the success we have seen. Thank you.

I hope you are able to manage a restful weekend prior to the events of next week.

Yours sincerely

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