



4 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my message to you on Monday, I have received, late this afternoon, guidance from the Department of Education to indicate suggested changes to education settings under the new national restrictions from 5 November.

I will be taking time to work through this tonight and tomorrow with my senior team. I aim to contact you on Friday with updated guidance on how we will manage the requirements whilst ensuring students are able to attend school safely and engage as fully as possible with their learning and activities. The DfE has stated *“We would expect schools to ensure any changes required in light of national restrictions are in place as soon as practically possible, and by Monday 9 November at the latest.”*

I fully appreciate this is an anxious time for everyone, many will have serious individual concerns whilst I acknowledge others may feel relatively unaffected. As a College we must consider all our students and families and seek to offer a path that affords the best possible options for our young people.

I am painfully aware that this may well not be to everyone’s individual preferences but please be assured we will do our very best, keeping students’ well-being and education at the forefront of our decision making within the constraints of the guidance that we must reflect.

Yours sincerely

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