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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the first half term, I wanted to write to update you about some minor changes to how we will operate after half term.

We are now well practised at students coming into school at the start of the day, with students efficiently using the hand sanitisers before entry. We plan, therefore, to move back to an 8:30am start time for all students after half term. Students must still go to their designated bubble waiting areas in the morning and, to make sure they are not late, should be waiting at 8:25am. We will begin bringing in students for lessons to start at 8:30am.

There is a small change planned for lunchtime. This affects only Year 7 and Year 9 who will swap lunchtimes. This means that Year 7 will have lunch at 1pm and Year 9 will have lunch at 12:30pm. This also means that Year 11 will have access to a larger number of toilets at lunchtime and break and will mean that students do not miss lesson time for toilet stops. The year groups on last lunch (Year 7 and 11) will continue to have access to break time food after half term.

As the number of cases of Covid-19 continue to rise nationally and in Carlisle, we have reviewed our position on students wearing face coverings. We plan to operate according to the government's tier system as follows:

- Tier 1 – sixth form in corridors and study spaces must wear masks
- Tier 2 – Sixth form and Y10 and 11 during movement time and social times must wear masks
- Tier 3 – All students at movement times and social times must wear masks

As Carlisle is currently Tier 1, only sixth formers must wear face coverings at the moment. However, we need to be prepared for any change in tier and ask that you use the half term to make sure that students have a reasonable stock of plain face coverings and a plastic bag to store them in. We will send out the guidance about wearing masks if we move to Tier 2 and masks become compulsory for more students. Students who currently choose to wear a face covering can, of course, continue to do so.

Catering will be back to normal after half term. Pastoral teams have worked hard this week to check that everyone had food each day. Students in Years 10 and 11 took it in their stride and some enjoyed having the opportunity to bring what they wanted to eat, we have seen a huge variety of snacks, as you can imagine!

We know that this has been a difficult half term and that some students have had to isolate on more than one occasion. We have done our very best to make sure we have sent home the minimum number of students possible, following the guidance from the government and advice from our local public health team. We know how important it is for students to be in school for their own education and wellbeing, but also appreciate that there are wider implications for families and jobs when students have to isolate. The Teaching and Learning Team sent home the school's contingency plans for remote learning should you have any questions about work during periods of isolation



There have been a very small number of situations where students have come into school unwell with symptoms that could be Covid-19 and have told us that they had been unwell at home the night before or in the morning at home. If your child has any of the symptoms below, please do not send your child into school and book a test.

- A high temperature (37.8°C or above. If you don't have a thermometer, feeling hot to the touch on your chest or back is a good indicator of a high temperature)
- A new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

After half term a small group of staff will begin planning Christmas themed events. We hope that we are in a position to match some of what we did last year as a community, even if not in person. This will include more rewards for students as there is much to celebrate for many. So far there have been 44,919 achievement logs given across all year groups. Students have risen to the challenges posed since September and we are proud of them.

With best wishes and hoping students have a safe and restful half term.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
Headteacher