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Dear Parent/Carer

As half term approaches, and infection rates drop to the levels that were last seen in August, we are reviewing our safety procedures in light of recent changes to government guidance. There are changes from Monday 17th May regarding face coverings and we expect that there may be further changes as the roadmap set out by the government is followed. I wanted to write to let you know what that means for Trinity School and to give some updates and information for the remainder of the summer term.

Face coverings

From Monday 17th May, students are no longer required to wear masks in lessons and corridors. Staff are still required to wear masks in corridors and communal areas. If your child wishes to continue wearing their mask, this is acceptable. From Monday, staff will be able to walk more freely around the classroom, keeping a safe distance and for short periods of time. They will continue to wear a mask to speak to students individually. Students must, therefore, continue to bring a mask with them to school and should wear it when asked by their teachers.

Bubble areas

After half term we will have more space in school due to the departure of Year 11 and 13. We plan to move some of the bubble areas to allow access to more specialist teaching rooms. This will mean a complete change of location for Year 9 and some smaller changes for Years 7 and 8. Year 9 will begin to work with their new Head of Year, Mrs Armstrong, alongside Mr Brown. We will also be planning some orientation activities for Year 7, to prepare them for moving around the whole school site in September.

Lateral Flow Tests

Please make sure that your child continues to test themselves twice a week. This keeps the whole school community safer and it is important for us all to remain vigilant even though infection rates are low. Thank you for your support with this. The Department for Education have asked us to remind parents to register test results on the NHS site. All information and guidance about lateral flow testing is on the school website.

Attendance

We have been pleased with general levels of attendance this past year, which has been higher than other areas of the country, despite the number of Covid cases we had in school. We know that many families are wanting to visit loved ones and to take holidays when allowed, however it remains that we are not allowed to authorise absence for non-essential absence. The procedure for requesting a leave of absence is unchanged. Despite this, we know that some families remain anxious about returning students to school, and that some of our students are missing out



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on important learning opportunities. If this applies to you, please do contact a member of your son/daughter's pastoral team, who will be able to provide you with the reassurances and support that you need. Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme this year is Nature. Mrs Leech will be leading assemblies and Thought for the Week will also cover this theme. As always, there is support for students on the website and via year teams if needed.

Summer schools and catch up

As you know there are a series of masterclasses running in a variety of subjects each week that all students, in all year groups, can attend. These run online and are free tuition for students wishing to have some catch up on topics identified by subject teachers. We hope to continue these for as long as possible. We are planning summer schools for our new intake and possibly some tuition for Year 10 before they return to school for their exam year. We will let you know our plans for this as soon as we can. Curriculum Leaders and Heads of Subjects have already adapted their Schemes of Learning and will modify once again ready for September so that any identified gaps in learning are re-taught through the year. Intervention programmes will continue to run for any individuals that we think have fallen further behind.

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We are ahead in our planning for next year and have reviewed what we think has worked well under the Covid-19 restrictions. We will be keeping the 'best bits' and will update you before the summer holidays about how the school will operate. We will, of course, need to follow any guidance from government that could be in place then. We are hopeful that all will be back to some sort of normality!

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
Headteacher