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## Dear Parent/Carer

As promised, I am writing to send you the updated return guidance for you to go through at home with your child before the return next week. There are three documents altogether, the full Trinity Guidance, the updated Frequently Asked Questions sheet and a separate sheet explaining the government guidance on wearing face coverings in classrooms.

We understand that some students will find wearing their mask in lessons strange at first, but it is another control measure that protects staff, students and their families from catching and passing on Covid-19. We know that families will have mixed views on this new addition to the guidance, but we will adhere to all the regulations necessary to keep the community as safe as we can. We feel that it is an extra layer of protection that will ensure fewer cases, less transmission, less disruption to education, fewer families having to isolate and be away from work. We hope that it means schools will now remain open throughout. Most of our students were extremely responsible when we introduced masks in November, and we know that they will not let us down again!

We will spend some time going through all the safety information with students on their return and have also prepared wellbeing sessions to be delivered in Form time to make sure we support students as well as we can.

With the exception of wearing masks and LFD testing, there are only a small number of changes, highlighted in green in the document. Of note:

- Year 8 and 9 will swap finish times so that Year 9 now get the longer form period at the end of the day
- There is a room swap for the Home Group
- Year 10 will have a small change to their movement at changeover
- Year 11 will not be able to use all of Jubilee Hall at break/lunch to allow for Year 10 movement

All guidance and our updated Risk Assessments will be available on the website by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a short reminder on Friday about LFD testing, but the detailed letters are now on the website. Please get in touch if you have any further questions.

We are really looking forward to getting back next week and back to the business of learning.

Yours sincerely

J. Hawkin

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