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Dear Parent/Carer

During these difficult times we have shared with students our expectations of behaviour in relation to normal classroom practice and also our specific 'covid rules' to keep students safe. The majority of students have impressed us with their willingness to help the Trinity family and their appreciation for how hard their teachers are working in this 'new normal' to keep them safe. We have learned from the small number of cases of Covid-19 within the school community that, when students follow the covid rules, we are able to send home much smaller numbers of students to isolate. When we are unable to say with a degree of certainty that students have kept within their friendship groups, this leads to the track and trace process taking longer as we look through CCTV footage to be sure that we have all contacts. Public Health have told us that we must be 100% confident that we have traced every contact to avoid a larger number of students staying at home. They assess the risk with us asking questions about symptoms and touch, as well as close contacts.

Catching Coronavirus can happen to any member of the community at any time and is nobody's fault, but students have their part to play in making sure that transmission is limited to as few students as possible by following our safety guidance. We are concerned that a small number of students have chosen to disregard some of these rules, and we felt that it is an important time, with the number of infections increasing locally and nationally, to seek your support in ensuring your child plays their part.

We reminded students last Monday of the covid safety rules which are at the end of this letter and part of the Covid Home School Agreement. Now that students have had a half term to understand what is expected we will be tracking the students who do not follow the safety rules and logs will be sent home via ClassCharts. If students are repeatedly breaking the safety expectations, we will be in touch to discuss next steps. For extremely unsafe behaviour, we will contact you immediately and there may be a serious sanction imposed.

During the period of lockdown, both the government and local authority have, in the updated guidance, reminded us of attendance expectations and that attendance at school is mandatory. We have been informed that if there is no medical or other valid reason, other than parental preference, then there is no expectation that schools should continue to provide Free School Meals to a child's home or provide a home learning curriculum. Such absences should be recorded as unauthorised.

As we said earlier, the majority of students are doing the right thing all the time. We have rewards for those who are doing well, with achievement logs, form time pizza prizes, individual goody bags and so on. As we approach Christmas there will be more rewards for those who have accrued the most positive rewards in the full term. The positive approach is the approach we like to take, but in these difficult times we must insist on students complying for the safety of everyone and to limit the risk of spread of the virus to more vulnerable individuals in and out of school.

Thank you for your support.

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Covid Expectations

- No chewing gum/lollies or similar
- No touching others
- 2m rule where you can, but always from adults
- Stay in your friendship groups, avoid mixing
- Bring your own equipment – no sharing!
- Look after your workspace, wipe it down
- Stay out of the teacher zone
- Stay seated, stay in your seating plan, stay in your bubble, use your bubble toilets only
- No wandering- class, corridors, school
- Obey all instructions from staff or on signs, immediately, without question
- Wash your hands, use sanitiser regularly
- Catch it, kill it, bin it
- Stay home if ill with symptoms and get a test
- If you feel ill in school, tell someone
- No litter, bin it!
- No shouting or singing, it increases risk for everyone.
- Wear your mask, when you should and how you should