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Dear Parent/Guardian

As I am sure you are aware, the level of community transmission for Covid-19 remains low in our area. In light of recently updated guidance, we were able to reduce the requirement regarding the wearing of face coverings in classrooms and I know this has been greatly appreciated by students. I would like to thank you for your continued support with our requests that students wear their face coverings in communal areas inside the building. This is working very well.

We feel we are now in a position to be able to relax another restriction, at the beginning of next term, on a trial basis. While we are still required to maintain our year group bubbles, we will be returning to normal teaching classrooms and this will have a great many benefits for both students and teachers. In our recent student voice activity, this was certainly one of the things that was requested.

This is possible because it is now apparent that mixing outside, or passing briefly in a corridor, holds a relatively low risk. We are confident that we can mitigate against any additional risk provided students work with us and we can manage the entrance/exit to classrooms. Therefore, from Monday 7 June, teachers will return to their usual teaching area. Students will be told where to line up for individual subjects and teachers will escort their classes into the building.

Students have been issued with an updated timetable, showing their room changes. Nothing else about their timetables will change and they will continue to use the toilets they are currently assigned to. Students have been instructed to go directly to their form rooms when we return after half-term and their tutor will meet them in their classroom. They must not, under any circumstances, congregate in corridors, or wait inside for their friends. It is important for students to realise that if it is not possible to keep corridors clear, we will have no choice but to return to the classroom arrangements, as they currently stand.

I am sorry that this is such a long letter, but I wanted to ensure that parents fully understand the rationale behind this change and the constraints the school must continue to operate under. Of course, we will continue to follow all the advice given to us by Public Health England and review our Risk Assessment on an ongoing basis.

Thank you for your support and I wish you a peaceful holiday.

Yours sincerely

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