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Dear Parent/Carer

We have now reached over half way through this term and I am pleased to say that students have conducted themselves maturely and sensibly. As with all change, some things need reinforcing with regular reminders.

Please can I ask you go over the next few points with your child again:

- All students must wear a face-covering when moving around the inside of the school building, unless exempt.
- Students must wear a helmet if they ride to school by bike. Please remind your child about road safety especially as the nights become darker and the roads become wet and slippery.
- No student should arrive on the school site before 8.20am at the very earliest.

We are trying, where bus services allow, to keep your child(ren) in their year group bubbles by placing them in specific areas of the buses, separated by a minimum of one row of seats. We would request that where possible, your child sits in a similar location, with other members of their year group on their way to school as well.

These regions for the double decker services are as follows:

- Year 7 – lower deck as close to the front as possible
- Year 8 – Lower deck as close to the back as possible
- Year 9 – Should be accessing the earlier services where possible as explained in previous correspondence. If this is not possible, they should seat themselves in the middle of the lower deck.
- Year 10 – Upper deck in the front rows
- Year 11 – Upper deck towards the back, leaving at least one row between them and another year group
- Year 12&13 –Upper deck as close to the back as possible.

Please remind your child that it is essential that they wear a face covering on the bus for the entire journey unless they have medical exemption. We have requested that bus drivers challenge this and contact us if that expectation is not met. We will be taking an updated record of students accessing each service next week to support this.

All the above reminders are for the wellbeing and safety of your child, so we will continue to remind students, and if necessary, take a more punitive route for those tiny numbers who flout these expectations. Thank you for your support in this matter.

I am pleased to say that the system for ordering and delivering school lunches is working very well. If your son/daughter wishes purchase a school lunch, I am confident that the service they will receive is of a high standard. Please do continue to provide water daily and to ensure that your child arrives at school with a face-covering.



Finally, I have attached advice from the NHS around COVID 19 symptoms and how, as parents, we may identify the differences between COVID 19 and a common cold. As always, we will follow all the latest government advice and please rest assured that if we have a positive case, we have protocols in place to act swiftly. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

