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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and you families have had a welcome and safe break.

As we get ready for the new academic year I need to share with you what we are putting in place to protect not only our college community but also the wider community we support.

Throughout the pandemic we have acted with caution and we will continue to this for at least the first half -term of this academic year.

For students this means that we expect:

1. Face coverings to be worn in all corridors.
2. Follow all the one-way systems in IT/Mathematics and English corridors. Through MFL/Sport Building and the Upper Science building.
3. Hand sanitising as they come into and leave **every** classroom. This includes spaces such as the Dining Hall, Drama Studio and all PE spaces (including Changing Rooms).
4. Ventilation is very important and we hope that for most of this half-term students will **not** need to wear coats in classrooms. Please remember that College jumpers are allowed under student jackets.
5. Frequent hand washing when they use toilets.
6. Twice weekly LFT after the first 2 tests in college and reporting the result on the NHS website.

There is also a national change to how close contacts will be identified and what they have to do.

- Students who test positive are expected to get a confirmatory PCR test and self-isolate. NHS Test & Trace will contact the student/parent/carer to identify close contacts.
- Close contacts who are fully vaccinated or under 18 years and 6 months will be advised to get a PCR test but will not have to self-isolate unless the test is positive. Adults who are **NOT FULLY** vaccinated will have to self-isolate.

I know that we were all hoping for a return to normal in September, however safety for all is of paramount importance and I hope that you will support our efforts in the coming year as fully as you did last year.

Best wishes,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Smith".

Glenn Smith, Principal