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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through the week I felt it important to keep you updated. We have again this received notification that members of the school community have tested positive for COVID-19. We have followed our in-school processes and identified close contacts as per the local health protection team guidance. You will no doubt be aware that nationally we continue to see a rise in infection rates, and schools will continue to be affected by this. We very much appreciate the frustration this causes to both pupils and parents, and I will continue to ask for your patience and understanding as we move through the school year.

As ever, please can I ask that we all support local and national initiatives to reduce the risk of infection. It is certain that I will share with you this type of letter regularly, given the context that we are all working in. We will continue to stress to pupils the need to be socially responsible, and this of course includes the wearing of face coverings on public transport.

I shared with you last week our plans for the final week of the half term. If I may reiterate these, school will close to all pupils at 12:30pm on Thursday, October 22nd for the half term break. Staff will use Show My Homework to set work for all pupils for the afternoon session, this will ensure that pupils do not miss out on learning time due to the early closure. There will be no school buses on this day due to the early closure, with the exception of the Y54 service. Friday, October 23rd is a staff training day. Pupils will return to school on Monday, November 2nd.

The Year 11 parents evening will also take place on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, October 22nd, and staff will be available for an appointment between 2.00pm and 7.00pm. We will share with all Year 11 parents on Friday the link from which they can then make appointments.

After the half term break we will continue to move forward with our school improvement priorities. We have already shared with parents on a number of occasions our policy for the teaching of relationships and sex education, and we will begin delivery of these sessions as part of our Wednesday morning PSHCE programme.

Thank you again for your continued support – it is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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