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Dear Parents and Carers

With just over a year passing since the start of the global pandemic we now know as 'Covid-19' now is a moment to reflect on our efforts and look to the future. Our lives have changed and new terms such as 'social distancing' and 'self-isolation' are now common place and are used on a daily basis. It can be hard at times and it is easy to wonder when this will ever end. As a school we understand your frustrations. Sending students home to self-isolate has been heart breaking for our staff during this period. We entered the profession for the love of learning and to support children in fulfilling their potential. It's hard to imagine that any teacher came into the profession to administer lateral flow device tests to their students!

As adults we have found it tough but our students have had it tougher and our young people need us now more than ever. Phrases such as the 'Covid Generation' and the 'Lost Generation' are not helpful; our words will matter to our students. Children are extremely resilient and they will need this resilience moving forward. We must embrace every opportunity to nurture and support our students through the next phase of their lives and education. As a community we will stand together and provide what our students need.

The on-going roll out of the vaccine by the Government is going well and we are now into the first phase of the roadmap to a full re-opening of the country, as well as a return to something resembling normality.

Uniform Reminder

When we re-opened school on Wednesday 10 March 2021 we understood the need to work with families on uniform due to the normal shopping options not being available to parents and carers. We expect our students to have impeccable standards and be ambassadors for the school at all times.

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When we return following the Easter break our standards of uniform are key to this and the school uniform is as follows;

- Burgundy blazer and black polo shirt both with school logo
- Optional black knitted pullover or cardigan with or without school logo – can be worn under the blazer if required for extra warmth
- Black Tailored Trousers or Black Skirt
- Trousers must be tailored, straight legged and full length;
- Trousers should not be tight fitting or a skinny style;
- Trousers should not be jeans, jeggings, leggings, chinos, leather or tracksuit bottoms.
- Skirts should finish at or below the knee. Lycra or tight-fitting skirts are not permitted
- Tights or socks if worn should be plain, flesh-coloured or black
- Plain black leather shoes

If there are any issues please contact your child's Head of Year.

Home Testing

Home testing should continue over the Easter holidays. The school only needs to be notified of a positive result over the holiday if your child was in school 48 hours before either the positive result or when symptoms started. This will allow us to carry out track and trace to help prevent further spread.

We ask that if you engage in home testing then your child should be tested on the Sunday before the return to school. This is important as it will help to avoid anybody carrying the virus from coming back into the school community at the start of the summer term.

Free School Meals

Free School Meal vouchers for the Easter holiday have been issued by Sheffield City Council. If you need any assistance with these vouchers please contact 0114 2734567.

A reminder that Thursday 1 April is an INSET day, so today will be the last day of school until Monday 19 April. We do however look forward to seeing some of our Year 11 pupils for the revision sessions set up next week.

We hope that you have a restful break and are able to meet up with friends and family. Please bear in mind that the virus hasn't gone away and that we should continue to follow national guidelines by sticking to the 'rule of six' outside and avoiding meeting in other households. The number of cases in our local community is still high which is what has led to a number of pupils being asked to self-isolate.

The 'Allied Effort' continues and we must all follow the guidance, protect the NHS and ultimately save lives. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Chris Jenkinson
Acting Co-Headteacher



Simon Dawson
Acting Co-Headteacher