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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that schools will fully reopen from the 8th March. We are really looking forward to welcoming all the young people back into school and college.

We understand that some of you may be anxious about sending your children back to school and want to reassure you that as always our first priority is the safety of learners, parents and staff.

We will continue to work with Public Health and the Local Authority and will follow all the necessary social distancing and hygiene measures across the school and college.

We will:

- Work in class / group bubbles, as we did in the Autumn term.
- Wash and sanitise hands regularly.
- Socially distance where possible.
- Continue with the staggering of entrance, exit of the buildings, break and lunchtimes for the bubbles.
- Clean all areas and equipment regularly and thoroughly.
- Provide Asymptomatic self-testing kits to staff and **secondary learners** wishing to take part, to be carried out at home twice weekly.

Staff, **secondary learners and College students (where exemptions do not apply)** should wear face masks in corridors and other communal areas.

Parents/carers should send their child to school with a face mask (**Secondary only**) unless they are exempt. School will have some spare face masks for learners who forget or if the face mask needs replacing during the day.

In classrooms where social distancing isn't possible learners and staff will wear face masks (**where exemptions do not apply**).

Please can you continue to keep your child at home if they display symptoms/are unwell, inform school if your child or a family member has symptoms, has tested positive for COVID 19 and is required to self-isolate. You should ring the school office to report the absence, following normal absence procedures and your child should not attend school.

We really appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. As you will realise all of this may be subject to change depending on the latest guidance, so please keep an eye out for communications via social media and text. We are all looking forward to welcoming all our learners back.

Mrs K Claxton
Head of School