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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and keeping safe, as we continue the route out of lockdown and Covid restrictions. Thank you for your support as we returned to school after the Government lockdown from 8<sup>th</sup> March, and throughout this term. With your help, and that of our fantastic students and staff, we have ensured an effective return to school, coped with the new requirements such as masks and testing, provided emotional support and 'recovery' for all Year groups, ensured that our high quality teaching supports our students' progress and prioritised the safety of all our staff and students.

## General Update:

There will be some changes after Half Term for all students, as teachers return to their normal rooms, and students move around the site to these rooms. In order to ensure effective Covid precautions all students will line up outside the blocks before each lesson, and will be led to and from classrooms by staff. This will ensure that corridors and stairwells are kept as clear as possible and we continue to prevent the risk of infection. We are also making some changes to social time spaces to give students greater access to the field and courts, as well as more space for each Year group. Other precautions such as the one-way systems, hygiene guidance, our Covid behaviour policy etc remain the same. Full details will be in the Parent & Student Guide, which I will post as an announcement on ClassCharts for parents, and students during the first part of Half Term. Please do take the time to read through this with your child so they are aware of the changes. I thought I'd send it separately as you will have received various information already today!

Year 7, who of course have had little access to the whole of the site this year, have already been on tours of the school with their Tutor, so that they have an effective transition and are fully prepared for the movement around the whole school. I know that they and the other students will once again ensure that their standards are as high as our expectations, and that they follow the guidance to the letter.

## Teaching & Learning:

Once again, the feedback from staff regarding learning in lessons has been very positive. We've continued our process of using high quality teaching, alongside a measured approach to assessment and review of the curriculum. This ensures that we know what students know, and what knowledge they are less secure with. Teachers and Heads of Faculty then work to adapt the content or sequence of the curriculum to make sure students know and understand the 'powerful knowledge' that will prepare them for the future. Once again, thank you for your support ensuring that your child is equipped to learn and ready to focus on their studies each lesson.

## Preventing the Spread of the Virus:

Please do ensure that your child is following the Government guidance and good hygiene protocols during Half Term and once they return to school. The best way to combat the spread of coronavirus is through good hand and respiratory hygiene. We will continue to ensure that sanitisers are provided at each entry/exit point on the site, in toilets, in communal areas, and in every classroom. Please underline to your child the importance of following the hygiene guidance rigidly.



### **Covid Testing:**

Please continue to use the Lateral Flow Tests twice-weekly with your child, and report via the NHS link and also to us via the Covid+ and Covid- buttons. If you do have to report a positive Covid result please also email us on [confidential@courtfields.net](mailto:confidential@courtfields.net). Thank you again for all your support with testing. This remains a central part of the Government's Covid management strategy.

### **Updated Guidance on Main Covid Symptoms:**

NHS England have updated the guidance on their website to make it easier for parents, carers and schools to identify the main symptoms of coronavirus and next steps if symptoms are displayed:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child (or you/anyone you live with/anyone in your support bubble) displays one or more of these main symptoms:

- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Finally, I would just like to repeat my thanks to you for your support. I literally could not be more proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful community. The staff and I can't wait to be able to enjoy trips, clubs and residential in the second part of the Summer Term, and get back to the students being able to enjoy participating in activities that they love. You will see from the Key Stage 3 Enrichment Booklet attached with this letter, the breadth of our clubs offer for Summer 2021. There really is something for everyone. Please do encourage your child to participate, even in something completely new! Sign-up sheets will be going out through Tutors.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any other questions/queries. Telephone lines are manned between 8am and 4pm, but may be busy, so you may wish to use our key email contacts as follows:

- For safeguarding concerns, please use the following email address: [safeguarding@courtfields.net](mailto:safeguarding@courtfields.net)
- For ClassCharts or other IT technical enquiries, please use the following dedicated email address: [classcharts@courtfields.net](mailto:classcharts@courtfields.net)
- To contact our SENCO, or for SEN questions, please use the following email address: [sen@courtfields.net](mailto:sen@courtfields.net)
- For any contact or queries regarding your child's academic or pastoral wellbeing, please email their Tutor in the format [initialsurname@courtfields.net](mailto:initialsurname@courtfields.net). They are your first and key point of contact. We have also sent the email address for each Tutor to the parents/carers of all members of their Tutor Group earlier this week for your convenience.
- For general enquiries, please use the main email address: [sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

Of course, if we need to change our plans due to changing Government Guidance, we will do so and as always we have plans in place should that be required.

Thank you once again for your support, which is very much appreciated. My very best wishes go out to you and your families.

Keep safe and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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