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Dear Parent/Guardian

### COVID update – November 2021

Following Sunday's announcement from the Department for Education we have consulted with colleagues across the Trust and decided on the following actions. These decisions have been made to keep the school community safe and limit the spread of the virus in the wider community particularly in the run up to the school holiday.

As we communicated on Sunday, we have decided on the following actions to limit the impact of the virus in school in line with the DFE guidance.

- 1) Face coverings in communal areas
- 2) Keeping ventilation in rooms and spaces open - students are allowed to wear coats but no other 'adaptations'
- 3) Using the one-way system to move around school
- 4) Expecting all students to wear face coverings on school transport (except those with medical exemption). **Please can I ask you support the community in this matter by ensuring your children have a face covering before they leave the house and reminding them of the importance of wearing the covering too?**

In addition, we will be working to minimise the number of visitors and mixing at school at inside events.

This includes the following:

- 1) Year 11 Parents' Evening will be virtual rather than face to face
- 2) Assemblies will be reduced in capacity or virtual
- 3) The school play, The Addams Family, will be postponed until the new year
- 4) All visitors to school must wear face coverings.
- 5) Primary School masterclasses events will be postponed
- 6) Year 11 careers interviews will be rearranged

Where events are outside, we will endeavour to keep them running as risks are much lower.

Lastly, when students are absent with Covid most students are generally too ill to work, however we know that for some students Covid is almost non-symptomatic. Students will always have Hegarty Maths tasks, Tassomai for Science and English along with homework set on Show My Homework. However, we will also be posting work on Google Classroom if students need more.

Thank you so much for your support in these matters. Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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