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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to everyone for supporting our successful return to school. We have already achieved so much in the short time we have been back with your help. We appreciate how difficult the change from lockdown at home to the routines and structures at school has been for many children.

### **Year 11 and Year 13**

We rapidly got plans in place following the initial information from Ofqual and we are very pleased that our reading of their direction of travel was spot on. We are busy giving students every opportunity to build portfolios of their best work and achievements that we will then assess and grade as a body of their work for every subject. Students have responded to this with gusto and determination, demonstrating a real desire to show us what they can really do. We are all very proud of them.

### **Keeping our campus Covid secure**

We remain committed to having in place risk reduction measures as long as we are advised by the government that we need them in place. I note today that there is talk of all lorry drivers from the continent having to be tested because of a rise in cases abroad.

Until we are therefore instructed that we can remove certain restrictions we will continue to have staggered starts and ends of the school day, students in bubbles on certain corridors and a request for students and staff to wear face coverings indoors. We cannot remove the risk of transmission completely from the campus but these measures have meant that we have only had to send one small bubble home since we have been back at school full time.

We also ask that you support the measures we have in place by helping your children test twice a week with the kits that we have given them to take home. If your child was to test positive with a lateral flow test the guidance is that you then take them for a more accurate PCR test at a local testing centre.

If we are alerted to a child in school being ill and showing Covid symptoms we will act immediately, calling you to take them for a PCR test. We are not allowed to test symptomatic cases because it puts our staff at risk.



## Red Nose Day

As you will be aware, last Friday was Comic Relief. We decided that we would take the opportunity to raise money for this cause on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April as we had only just returned to school and had not had chance to really plan what the children would like to do.

Therefore, in Period 5 next Thursday all students will be involved in an activity. We ask that there is a donation of a minimum of 50 p but £1 if possible. If every student was to bring £1 with them that would raise over £900. Half of that will go to Comic Relief and half to providing nice extras in school for our own vulnerable children.

School will finish for Easter at the same staggered times as normal on this day.

## Y11 parents' evenings

After successful Year 12 and Year 13 virtual parents' evenings we have planned our Year 11 consultation sessions for immediately after Easter.

Wykham Park students            Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 4.00 – 6.30 p.m.

Futures students                Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 4.00 – 6.30 p.m.

If you are not sure how the new system works please contact school and we will talk you through it all.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend in the knowledge that on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March the first gentle lifting of restrictions is taking place which allows us to meet outside with others.

Yours faithfully



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