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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to update you on our plans to welcome back Year 12 and Year 13 into Sixth Form on Monday 30th November.

While students have been self-isolating, the Sixth Form area has been cleaned by an external specialist Covid cleaning company, along with the rest of the school. The school employs cleaners who continually clean the school throughout the day; washing the door handles and push plates, as well as any other touch points, to prevent transmission of the virus. Cleaning also takes place after school when students have left the premises.

Please make sure when your child returns on Monday they have their mask and hand sanitizer gel with them.

We will continue to work closely with our risk assessments ensuring students social distancing, using seating plans in lessons and study periods, cleaning desks after use, and wearing masks in the corridors at all times.

The school was extra vigilant with the recent positive cases being reported and made the right decision to close Sixth Form and move to online learning for a period of isolation, creating our own internal circuit breaker. The Department for Health are very satisfied with all decisions and actions the school took in managing any further spread of the virus. The recent external inspection as also very satisfied with our risk assessment and internal systems in place.

If your child has recently tested positive or come into contact with someone who has tested positive and are therefore not able to return to Sixth Form on Monday 30th November, please make sure your child's form tutor and Mrs Whitbread are aware of the date we should expect them to return. Your child will be expected to attend online lessons if they are isolating and will be expected to make contact with their teachers to arrange joining the online lessons through the Google Meet platform. If your child has tested positive and is feeling well enough to join online lessons, they too should make contact with their teachers to arrange this.

Accompanying this letter is a Government advice leaflet to parents and carers should your child test positive. I have also included a link to a really interesting article recently published about the impact of wearing masks and assessing your own risk and the risk of others; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54251632>.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamsschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



We will be discussing with the students the responsibility we all have in protecting our families and the community through the choices we all make.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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