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Dear Parents and Carers

The school will be closed to students on Friday, 23 October 2020, from 12.30pm. This letter tells you about the changes that we will be implementing for after half term and the half day closure is required to enable us to manage the changes.

As we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary to balance the mitigations of transmission and the students' entitlement to their curriculum. We have operated within our current control measures for the first half term and now feel confident to adjust these, whilst maintaining a COVID secure site.

Many of the current controls will stay the same including facemasks whilst moving around the building, staggered start and end of day times, class 'bubbles' in lower school and year 'bubbles' in upper school alongside hygiene protocols.

From Monday, 2 November, we will be changing the following:

- All specialist teaching will now happen within specialist rooms for all year groups. These are Science, Art, Drama/Dance, PE, IT, Design Technology and Music. This will enable more practical work to be completed.
- We will move to two daily 30 minute breaks for each year group. This will enable students to have more time to sit and eat and to expand the offer of food at this time. However, year groups will remain separate to maintain the integrity of the "bubbles".
- We are re-introducing invited wrap-around provision at Breakfast Club and Homework Club. These are through invitation only as we need to ensure we can operate these securely.
- Year group specific extra-curricular activity will restart to enhance the curriculum for students. To ensure that we remain COVID secure, students will need to sign up for these activities a week in advance - further details will be released closer to the time.

In order to manage the changes, staff will be required to move rooms, re-stock resources and re-organise materials as explained above.

Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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