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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is a to update you on some changes and adaptations we are making to our current systems. Formal guidance is changing on a regular basis and we must adapt as we receive feedback from yourselves, your children, and our staff.

Our surveys have been forwarded to you for completion. Please see the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cnsPij8iGEu-SoihxmoktblHz1A4awtMpysSVid_NjFUM1Y4SkZBRVdJN0tPS0FQWTNPQjdUzgwRC4u

Live Lessons:

We are very proud of the fact that our staff and children have adapted well to the live lessons that are being taught every day. Whole school attendance is currently above the national average and we will work hard to maintain this positive engagement with remote learning until we are advised to return to school full time.

We are also aware that teaching live every lesson means full time screen time and we are keen to give our students and staff time away from the screen whilst still working and making good progress. Taking this into consideration we intend to use your feedback so far to plan the following:

1. **'Well Being Wednesday'** – Wednesday 27th January 2021. The day will provide opportunities for students to engage in sessions with senior leaders that will be creative, fun and a little lighter than normal lessons. The day is planned as follows:

9.00 a.m.	Ms Vincent - Welcome from the Headteacher
9.15 – 9.55am	Mr Ward
10.00-10.55am	Mr Mahmood
11.10 - 12	Mrs Kaye
12.10-1.00pm	Miss Wilde and Miss Cassidy -Fitness and relaxation
1-3pm	Independent learning time (No formal live lessons.)

**All students will be invited to these sessions for the opportunity to engage in something different. If they are not joining the session, they must complete any unfinished work instead and send it on to their regular teachers for feedback.*

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2. **'Teacher Talk'** - We have asked staff to carefully consider the amount of teacher talk there is in each live lesson and to allow more time for students to complete the work set. Teachers remain available for questions and will review learning at the end of the lesson, as normal.
3. **Independent Learning Time** – If we receive information from the government that lockdown is extended; we will be ensuring that each child in each year group has identified independent learning time on their timetable. These lessons will be scheduled as they are now, and staff will register students and start off with instructions for a key piece of work. The remainder of the lesson will be utilised for students to complete this key piece and send it to their teacher. Staff will then review their achievements live at the end of the lesson.

Exams and Centre Assessed Grades:

There is currently a consultation period for school staff to communicate with the Department for Education regarding how these grades might be formulated. CSSA will contribute to the consultation and will act accordingly when guidance is issued. In the meantime, it is essential that students in examination year groups continue to submit the highest standards of classwork and complete any informal assessment requested by their teachers. This work will no doubt be used as evidence for a final assessment grade.

Testing in Schools:

You will have seen in the media that the government has now changed the guidance and expectation for mass testing in schools.

"Following new advice from NHS Test and Trace and Public Health England (PHE), we are temporarily pausing the daily contact testing element of the testing programme, which was in place as an alternative to self-isolation for those who came into contact with positive cases in schools." (DFE 20/01/21)

This means that we will continue to test children that attend school every Monday, during lockdown. However, if someone in your child's bubble tests positive for Coronavirus, they will be sent home to self-isolate for a period of 10 days. Staff will be tested twice a week.

Once again, I thank you for your support at this difficult time for us all. I send my best wishes in the hope that this dreadful virus has not impacted on you or your family directly. Please contact us if you have any concerns that you feel we can help with.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J E Vincent
Headteacher

