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Dear Parents/Carers

It was with eager anticipation, pleasure and enthusiasm that we welcomed back our students on 8th March 2020 to our schools. As has been well documented nationally, schools are the best places for young people to resume their face to face learning and where teachers, support staff and the community as a whole can come together to nurture and support issues of wellbeing and mental health.

With the rapid roll out of the vaccine and the positive messages from the Government and Public Health England, about its impact and resistance to the C19 virus, there is a real sense of optimism that life may well be returning to some degree of normality over the coming months.

Whilst we wholeheartedly welcome these developments we also recognise the need for continued vigilance and adherence to the PHE guidance. As medical experts are keen to point out, the virus is still out there, with recent mutations and subsequently we as a Trust will continue to take a safe, steady and sustainable approach to ensure the wellbeing of all members of our school communities.

It is widely accepted that droplets in the air are one of the foremost means of Covid19 transmission between people. In order to minimise the risk, there is a moral imperative that all visitors to school sites wear a face covering for the duration of their visit, so keeping themselves and others as safe as possible. That coupled with the raft of other measures the schools are using will help to reduce the chances of 'bubble closures' and other restrictions. The last thing anyone wants is to regress in terms of pupil access to school and interaction with peers and staff.

For our part we will continue to endeavour to provide the highest quality of Catholic care and education possible. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these difficult times as we progress towards greater freedoms in a safe, steady and sustainable manner.

Kind regards

Simon Sprague
Interim CEO

