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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the latest announcements from the Government, I wanted to share an update on our plans to ensure that we keep all of our Scholars and staff safe over this half term.

We have worked hard to ensure that the school is as safe as possible and have always tried to ensure that we make moves on the basis of what is safe for our Scholars, staff and their families, rather than wait to be told by the DfE.

It is in this spirit that we have been ensuring that all rooms are effectively ventilated by keeping windows and doors open. This has been fine with the weather being fairly mild so far this year, but as we enter the winter months this will prove more difficult. To offset the cold and ensure ventilation we will allow Scholars to keep their outdoor coats on should the classroom call for this. You may also want to ensure that Scholars have their PE OR school jumpers with them to wear under their blazers. Hoodies are not acceptable uniform and must not be worn.

Linked to this, on-site meetings will no longer be possible except under exceptional circumstances and arranged by ourselves. We want to keep communication open but this will happen over the phone or through Teams. Please do not turn up on site without prior approval until further notice. This is not because we do not want to speak to you, however, we need to ensure we are keeping everyone safe. An example of how this will help is that if we have a pre-arranged meeting, we can arrange for the room to be deep cleaned before and after we speak, we can't guarantee this with an impromptu meeting.

Thanks once again for your understanding with what is an incredibly difficult situation for everyone. I want to, once again, express just how impressed I am with all of our Scholars, both in terms of the effort they display in lessons and their behaviour.

I really am proud to work at Kirk Hallam and I know that this is a sentiment shared by all of our staff.

Yours sincerely

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