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Dear Parents and Carers

Update Letter

Face Coverings

Firstly, I would like to thank you and the vast majority of our students for understanding the importance of wearing face coverings in school. As a result of the national lockdown restrictions, we are asking all students and adults to wear a face covering in communal areas of the school; these include the corridors, dining hall (when not eating or drinking), outside at break and lunch (if not socially distanced) and on the plaza.

There are, as always, some exemptions in line with the national guidance and students with some pre-existing medical conditions will be exempt from having to wear a face covering. I would like you to continue to support us in ensuring your child(ren) have a face covering. Can I also remind you that parents and carers should wear a face covering when entering the plaza to drop off and pick up. The guidance applies to Secondary students as outlined in the DfE Guidance on face coverings in schools. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Kitchen Arrangements

From Monday 28th September, the kitchen staff that have been self-isolating will return. Throughout this period, we have worked closely with the Local Authority Meal Service to provide the best possible meals for our students. The kitchen will work slightly differently from Monday, as we are seeking to avoid a scenario where one member of kitchen staff testing positive means a full kitchen closure.

Therefore, the kitchen team has been split into two teams to ensure students can be provided with the best possible meals. However, I am sure you can appreciate that this will still mean a reduced service. Once the kitchen team is back on Monday we will then be in a position to share a menu with the students.

Remote Learning

The arrangements for remote learning are available on the school website. Primary remote learning can be found using this link <https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/primary/home-learning/> and Secondary remote learning can be found by using this link <https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/covid-19/>. The Covid-19 area of the website contains the letters for both Primary and Secondary students and the policy for remote learning. There is also a useful guide for Secondary students about logging into Microsoft Teams.

Forgotten Items

Recently we have seen more parents and carers needing to access the reception area to drop off forgotten items. This is creating a higher risk of transmission for office colleagues and placing further burden on an already busy team. From Monday 28th September there will be boxes placed in the foyer where parents and carers can leave items for distribution. There will be 'post it' notes available to label items.

Have a good weekend and keep safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr Critchley
Principal

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