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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, thank you so much for your support and patience over the past 2 weeks, which to be honest, have felt like a lifetime. I just wanted to give you an update on where we are.

In spite of having cases, I have had discussions with Public Health England and all of our systems and processes are in line with their guidance.

So, as it currently stands we are delighted to be welcoming our Year 7s who were isolating and our Y10s and Y11s back into school on Monday. We have really missed them, but it has been great to pop into some of their online lessons to say "Hi". Y8 are obviously off until 30 November; their online lessons are going well.

As of late this afternoon we have been made aware of a case in Y9 which, following analysis of close contacts, means that Y9 will be learning from home until Monday 7 December. All parents/carers have been contacted to advise them if their daughter/son is isolating or just working online from home.

On Monday morning Y11 return and will spend the first part of the day being led through their Trial Exam changes and to reassure them about their upcoming exams. Thank you if you are able to collect your daughter/son on days when they do not have an exam.

Y10 tutors will be outlining our expectations upon their return and how we can support them to get back into the swing of being in school again. Can we ask that all Y10 students with a school Chromebook return them on Monday please.

We are delighted that staff are now returning to school. I do need to stress that any members of staff or students who have been off with Covid, are fine to return to school and are not in any way contagious. Isolation and illness are not fun and the ability to come back into our family has been something they, and we, have looked forward to.

The Y8 virtual Parent/Carer Evening was superb and it seems that the online system is working well. The booking system for the Year 13 virtual Parent/Carer Evening will be open from 9am on Monday.

As a reminder, we have an Inset Day on Friday 27 November so please put this in your diaries. The weekend is nearly here and I hope that you stay safe and positive. Who knows what next week will bring, but whatever it is, we will face it together.

Just checking the weather forecast in case snow is predicted, it's been one of those weeks!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher