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Dear Parent / Carer

Return to school update

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well. It was a joy to see our students return to school last week after the lockdown and wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 students who have quickly fit in to the George Pindar School community. As a school we were extremely pleased to see the vast majority of students come back with the right attitude to learning which will stand them in good stead as we recover from the extended period away from face-to-face school.

The school is very different at the moment; students have adapted very quickly and positively to new routines and procedures. I am grateful to you, and them, for this support to ensure the safety and security of our whole community. To maintain this environment, I must reiterate the position on face coverings. Face coverings are strongly recommended in all corridors and communal areas this includes on entry to the school when gathering in playgrounds and yards. We would appreciate your support in providing your child with a face covering and encouraging them to wear it when appropriate and when travelling to school, including for example in local shops, to support the safety of the wider community.

As you will be aware, the new 'Rule of 6' has come into operation this week. In social times, students are asked to pay attention to this rule and avoid face-to-face contact, even with members of their bubble. The local Police have reminded us that this rule will be enforced locally outside school.

Finally, may I remind parents that we all have a responsibility to minimise the spread of Coronavirus by ensuring that anyone with symptoms isolates at home and gets a test as soon as possible. I am aware that this is difficult in the current climate but we must adhere to the advice given by Public Health England and the Department for Education. As a reminder, the symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- New and continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss or change in sense of taste or smell

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support. These are uncertain times but we hope that together we can overcome the challenges ahead and tackle each one so that our students can learn, make progress and continue to make us #ProudToBePindar.

Yours sincerely

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