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Afternoon all

As always I hope this email finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

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We have successfully navigated a second week at school and we have been overwhelmed at how well the students have adapted to their return to school and how effective they have been in organising themselves and maintaining a focus on their learning in these difficult times. All students are taking their responsibility seriously to both protect themselves, their peers, our staff and the wider community. Please remind them at home to socially distance from others, on the way to and from school.

Now that your child has had seven days at CCHS I hope that they are feeling more settled about their education and confident in knowing how the school will operate but also support and help them. I have been very impressed with all the year groups and many staff have already shared positive comments and feedback about how well mannered, smartly dressed and polite they have been and I trust that they are all now starting to feel part of Team CCHS.

As you are aware there have been significant changes to how we are operating as a school. Our fundamental principles are centred around the health and safety of staff and students, protecting the integrity of the curriculum offer and providing the best education within the parameters of the guidance.

We will be involved in the NHS Test and Trace system and swift action will be taken if required. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us. Please trust that we will continue to do everything to minimise risks in school. The guidance is continually being updated and we will continue to share with parents any important information. Testing has been high profile within the news this week so I have attached to this email a flowchart of what to do at home if you have concerns. Some parents struggled to access the attachment last week so if you cannot open the attachment follow this link, <u>http://fluencycontent2-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/FileCluster/CannockChaseHigh/MainFolder/documents/C-19-Documents/Covid-19-Flow-Chart.pdf</u> as the information is also available on the website.

As some parents will be aware we have had issues with our phone system since September; apologies for any inconvenience caused. We have now rectified the problem having had to purchase and install a new system. We have also had to change the procedures for reception. We are requesting that all visitors make an appointment and are required to wear a face mask whilst in the reception area and whilst moving through the school. Receptionists will control the number of visitors in the foyer to ensure that social distancing can be maintained by visitors and reception staff. Visitors may be required to wait outside to ensure enough space to allow this. Reception can no longer accept lunch boxes, PE kits, homework or other items from parents that a student may have forgotten. We will always provide them with a lunch if they have forgotten their own.

On Wednesday 16 September staff will be participating in their Extended Learning Community Time and therefore school will finish at 2.45pm for Year 7/8, 2.50pm for Year 9/11 and 2.55pm for Year 10 and Sixth Form.

I would like to thank you for ensuring that your child started school so prepared and with such positivity. It has been an unprecedented transition period for them all but they are now all ready to continue their education and flourish if they take the opportunities provided to them.

Have a good weekend.

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