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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope we are all enjoying time together over the holidays. The addition of possible travel and retail opening from 12 April will allow a little more freedom. As hinted in the previous letter, the government may alter some of their guidelines and they did. All these decisions are considering the safety of others and to reduce the spread of the virus. I am still confident that September will have more normality to it, but we still must navigate the rest of the year.

Face coverings

The government has confirmed that face coverings should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break. They have advised that this will continue until no earlier than 17 May.

I know that wearing face coverings in class can be uncomfortable, but they do give security to staff and students who work in close proximity with one another.

Testing

Thank you for continuing to test over the holidays. As restrictions ease these tests will help to minimise transference of the virus. It is necessary for our well-being that we start to return to some normality and testing helps give further confidence to staff and students. Sticking something up my nose though will be something we do not keep in the future.

All other systems will remain in place for the rest of the term and I will inform you if there are any other updates. Looking forward to some warmer weather for week two.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Greenhough'.

Andy Greenhough

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