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Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you for your support at the end of last half term and your understanding around the last minute changes the school has had to make.

I am now in a position to be able to inform you that as the Trusts Executive Headteacher I will assume the Headteacher post at Smestow from the start of this half term. This will allow us to focus on providing more leadership capacity whilst continuing to improve the school. Thank you to Mr Smith for everything he has done to support students and staff during his interim period.

I wish to be clear with you that I am determined to secure outstanding provision for every student at the school, I will accept nothing less. I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead the school forward.

We are also now aware of a changing COVID position and the second national lockdown. The risks to students and staff are higher than they have previously been, and we must move quickly to ensure that as safe an environment as possible exists at school. When the students returned it was made clear that all of them would be expected to remain in set year group “bubbles” and be required to wear masks when outside of classrooms. I am informed by staff that a small number of students have breached these expectations placing themselves and others at risk. This cannot continue. We have amended the school’s behavior policy to ensure that we are clear that any student deliberately outside of their “bubble” or not wearing a face mask will be excluded. Should this continue on their return students will face the possibility of permanent exclusion. I wish to avoid this, but I must put the health and safety of students and staff above everything else. I am writing to ask for your full support in this matter; we have both students and members of staff who have asked me to ensure this happens in order to protect us all.

During these difficult times it is vital that all students:

1. Arrive punctually for school so as to avoid other year groups, this is not optional
2. Maintain a 2m social distance wherever possible
3. Wear a face mask in all non-classroom areas
4. Wash hands and sanitize regularly
5. Avoid touching their own face
6. Stay in their own year group bubbles and follow any one way systems in school
7. Consume food only in designated areas



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8. Report any COVID symptoms immediately and self-isolate if they show a temperature and/ or a new persistent cough

As I write I am more than aware that the vast majority of our students have been exceptional, and I am hugely proud of the way that you have coped in such difficult circumstances. I thank every single one of our students who have chosen to follow the school rules, however I must be clear with you of the stance the school is now taking to protect the health and safety of everyone.

There are of course medical reasons that can impact student's ability to follow this guidance exactly. We have planned support for all these students, which we are aware of, and have put alternative plans in place. Should you wish to discuss any further concerns, of which we may not be aware, I ask you to contact the school immediately via enquiries@smestow.uwmat.co.uk. This needs to be done immediately I cannot accept reasons raised after an exclusion is put in place.

Finally, I am aware of the amount of learning that students have lost. In particular we are focused on year 11 and 13 and their final steps towards end of year examinations. We will be working hard to ensure they are supported as well as we possibly can. We are acutely aware of the pressure they are feeling. If you are concerned as a parent, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Can I thank you for your co-operation in helping to explain to your child the need for these rules and the consequences that will follow should they break the rules.

Finally I look forward to working with you in the coming years to provide the bright education for every single student.

Yours Faithfully

Clive Jones
Executive Headteacher