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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

School continues to be a vibrant, positive place and that is down to the resilience, hard work and commendable approach of our students. I continue to be proud of how well they are coping in this difficult time.

Thank you for your support with face masks which continue to be a key risk reduction measure as cases rise and thank you also for helping our students to get used to the new times of the day. The adaptations we have made are working well and mean we can offer the extra opportunities that have been missing for so long.

In light of the delay on relaxing restrictions and the rise in COVID cases I would like to remind everyone that anyone showing symptoms should not come to school and should try and get a PCR test. Please do not send anyone to school if they have symptoms but the Lateral Flow test has come back as negative.

Symptoms of COVID

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

End of year assessments

Apologies for repeating items from last week's letter but I would like to remind all Years that they will have end of year assessments coming up towards the end of June and July, as we do every year. It is so much more important this year so we can revise, revisit and assess the knowledge, the skills and the content that has been covered during lockdown and in school.

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The learning journeys detailing what your son/daughter has been learning at each half term are on our website and you can click on the links below:

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 12](#) (choose the appropriate course and then click the 'what you learn' tile)

To support revisiting and revision some great resources are available here:

Oak National Academy (recorded lessons and activities for all subjects and Years)

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Hegarty Maths (recorded lessons, activities and assessments for maths)

<https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner>

Seneca Learning (great revision resources for most subjects with mini quizzes throughout)

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

How students learn

A great resource for you to support your child's revision can be found here:

<https://www.learningscientists.org/>

<https://www.learningscientists.org/blog/category/For+Parents>

The video on how to study effectively is only 8 minutes long and a really useful place to start if you want to know what the research says about the best ways to revise: <https://www.learningscientists.org/videos>

Combined Cadets Force

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered so far to support our CCF troop, if you are interested and would like to know more please email info@horsforthschool.org FAO 2LT Allison in the subject line.

It has been great to send off our Year 10 Geographers on their field trip today and with the return of the good weather our PE department has been doing fun enrichment activities after school so please encourage your son/daughter to think about taking part.

I would like to, as always, sing our wonderful students praises and Mrs Nowell will be sending you a letter about our rewards plans for the end of term to say thank you to our fantastic students for all their hard work, good humour and resilience this year so I hope that is something to aim for and look forward to.

Thank you, as always, for your kind messages and your ongoing positivity and resilience.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell

Headteacher

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