



Friday 5 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

There is a strange sense that we have come to the end of a mini-term and beginning another new journey on Monday. In a very positive sense, it feels either like the end or the start of something good and special.

Whilst our core purpose always lies in seeking to deliver a first class standard of education and superb outcomes for your children, we know our primary responsibility is to keep your children safe.

### *Staying safe and healthy*

As much as the Cotswolds climate allows, we shall ensure that our classrooms and corridors remain well ventilated but it might not be a bad idea to wear a jumper underneath those blazers next week. Students will continue to be encouraged to sanitise their hands as they arrive and depart each lesson, with special bins provided in every classroom for tissues as part of the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' campaign.

We know that many students are not looking forward to wearing face coverings after so many weeks with them being less necessary. Please remember that if your son or daughter is particularly concerned about this then you can make contact with their head of year or assistant head of year to discuss further. We will not be sanctioning any student who does not wear a face covering and will instead work with you to get this right. None of us enjoy wearing a face covering but we know that the thought of this is much harder for some than others.

We know that our health and safety is not dependent on one or even two of these measures; but the *combination* of all ways in which social distancing, tissue disposal, hand sanitising, ventilation, face covering and daily cleaning schedules create a safer environment to study and work.

We all look forward to the relaxations that the rollout of the vaccine programme will eventually deliver in the weeks and months ahead! One step at a time.

I hope you have a restful weekend and we all look forward to seeing all of your children back with us next week.

Yours faithfully

Mr Doherty

Headteacher