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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

15th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As much as we prepared and planned for the wider opening of school in September, to mitigate the risks in line with government guidelines, we have also been fortunate that the first 5 weeks have allowed all students to have access to both; a full curriculum and near normal lessons.

However, the recent rise in cases both on a national and local level, has meant that it was probably a matter of when, rather than if the school would be directly impacted.

On Tuesday I shared the news that a student on the Nevill Campus had tested positive for Covid-19. We identified 39 students that had been in close contact with the student concerned, following guidance from the Public Health team and the Department for Education. Parents and Carers were contacted and those students are all now self-isolating at home.

I am pleased to confirm that we were informed by the family of the student that tested positive, that they are now feeling much better and looking forward to returning to school, following their period of self-isolation.

Our experiences of this week are a timely reminder that we all have a part to play in keeping our community safe, by following the guidance Mr Brooking and Mr Paul emphasised in their letters home earlier in the week. It is important that all students are fully aware of their responsibility.

Thank you to parents and carers that took the time to contact the school with supportive messages. At challenging times – they are much appreciated.

The government made a key announcement regarding GCSE / AS / A level exams this week. The detail can be found in the Department for Education link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/students-to-be-given-more-time-to-prepare-for-2021-exams>

Most exam dates have been moved back by 3 weeks and some individual subject specifications have been adapted. We will be writing to y11 parents and carers separately with further details and include our plans to provide additional learning opportunities over the half term break.

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At the time of writing, despite the growing media attention there are no current plans to extend the half term holiday. We have an INSET day on Friday 23rd October 2020 and the school will be closed to students. The school will open again on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts

Head teacher

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