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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a challenging start to the academic year, but I wanted to begin my final letter of this half term by acknowledging the positive and mature way the students have approached the return to school. We have all been hugely impressed with the way the majority of students have responded to the new routines and structures. I would also like to highlight and congratulate staff for the way they have adapted their teaching and been prepared to engage in new ways of working including; parent and carer consultation evenings and open evening, in addition to creating an environment in which students continue to make progress and achieve.

School attendance for this half term is 94% set against the latest national data for secondary schools of 90%.

The government has amended the guidance for schools in response to the rise in Coronavirus cases on a national level. The text below is from information shared with school leaders earlier this week;

*When an area moves to the local COVID alert level 'high' (Tier 2) or 'very high' (Tier 3), in education settings where year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults (staff and visitors) and pupils when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. As in the general approach, it will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning.*

*When an area moves to the local COVID alert level 'high' (Tier 2) or 'very high' (Tier 3), schools and colleges will need to communicate quickly and clearly to staff, parents, pupils and learners that the new arrangements require the use of face coverings in certain circumstances.*

*(DfE updated guidance 19-10-20)*

It is important to state that Brighton and Hove remains at the 'medium' level of alert or Tier 1. This means we are subject to the national restrictions announced earlier this month and current school policy and routines remain unchanged.

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Ms Prentice will also be writing to all parents and carers to update you on expectations regarding remote learning and the statutory remote learning policy, that will explain expectations of school staff, pupils, parents and carers, if pupils are required to access their learning from home.

Finally, a reminder that following the half term break and starting **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** we have adjusted the timetable for y9 and y10 to ensure they have access to a balanced curriculum across the full academic year. The changes are highlighted below.

- **Week A** – y9 will come into school at 9.15am and y10 will be at home to do their first lesson on TEAMS.
- **Week B** y10 will come into school at 9.15am and y9 will be at home to do their first lesson on TEAMS.

(The first week back after half term is **Week B**)

Wishing you all a restful half term break.

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts

Head teacher

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