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Dear Parents and Carers

In my most recent letter to you on the 8th June I stated that;

'Given the rapidly changing nature of advice given to schools we are considering our next steps in our response to the new Covid variant'.

After careful consideration of the numbers of Covid 19 rising in the South West, as well as the growing number of schools locally, being affected in part or whole by closures due to infected staff and or students, we are taking the decision to return to a number of control measures to ensure the protection of our students, staff and the community itself. As part of these updates to our plans, we continue to ensure that we will follow all guidance to minimise the risks of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission. A copy of our risk assessment is on our website for your reference.

From 25th June;

- All students and staff will be expected to wear face coverings in lessons as well as in corridors and circulation spaces. This does not apply to those with exemptions.
- All students and staff must follow the one-way system and spend recess times with their year group in their designated area.
- Students will be expected to continue to use hand sanitiser as they move from one space to another.
- We will be ventilating the classrooms and communal areas as much as possible.

These actions we are taking also means that some of our anticipated events will no longer be able to take place on the college site. These changes, if they affect you, will be sent in further letters detailing specifics in each case.

The Secretary of State for Education announced recently that the lateral flow tests that we are currently sending home with students should continue to be used for the remainder of this term. Can I ask that all families follow the national guidance on these and any positive results are reported to s.morewood@tavistockcollege.org so we can act quickly and effectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all our young people for the way they have complied with the changing safety advice over the last 18 months and I know that they will adapt to these changes in the same positive way, showing self and social responsibility at a time when it is needed the most.

Many thanks for your anticipated support

Yours sincerely

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