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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 Update

It has been an absolute joy to welcome back to school all our young people; smiling faces, excited and keen to catch up with their friends in person. The COVID-19 testing has gone very smoothly with the students conducting themselves in their usual well-mannered and mature way. The testing will continue during school hours next week through to Thursday. After this, students will be given a home testing kit to use. I will write to you next week with further details of distribution and how and when the kits should be used.

Some of you will be aware that Mellors, our onsite catering team, experienced a few issues this week offering a full menu in a timely fashion. I can tell you that I requested a meeting on Thursday morning with the Area Manager to share these concerns and seek assurance that these problems will be rectified immediately and will not be repeated. As a father of two school age children myself, I know food and drink plays an important and vital part in a young person's day, as it does ours, so I am extremely keen to make sure these issues do not reoccur and that your child is adequately catered for at break and lunchtimes.

Finally, can I reiterate once again, **students are not allowed to use mobile phones during school hours** unless permission is given by a member of staff. In line with our policy, if we see your child using their phone we have right to take it from them and not return it until the end of school.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes

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