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Dear Parent/Carer

ONE WEEK IN

I thought it would be helpful to write to you with both some general news from the school but also to update you on the changes we are making in light of the current Covid-19 situation.

The students have started back very positively and our attendance rates this week have been very high. Our Learning Walks around the school have shown that students are working hard and that teachers are delivering high quality learning experiences. Students and staff are adapting well to the changes that have been necessary due to Covid-19. There are a number of points I would like to draw your attention to:-

- From Monday we are **strongly recommending** that all staff and students wear face masks in the common areas of the school (but not classrooms) and on entry/exit to the site. These should be face masks covering the lower part of the face, preferably plain.
- We are not able to accept any visitors to the school unless they have made a prior appointment. This includes parents who might want to drop off items to school. All visitors to our site will be required to provide contact details for Test and Trace before entering our site.
- As of next week, student assemblies will be conducted through Teams wherever possible.

Above all we ask that you make every effort to remind your child of committing absolutely to the key principles that underpin our precautionary and preventative measures:

1. Washing hands carefully for 20 seconds
2. Use hand sanitiser on entry to the building and every classroom
3. Wear their badge on their blazer top pocket so that it can be seen by others
4. Maintain social distancing from students wearing a different coloured badge to their own and from staff.
5. Wear a mask in common areas in the school and on entry/exit to and from the school.

In other news, we have had to change our Open Evening on 24th September to be a virtual meeting rather than tours of the school. We will be sending invitations to partner primary schools and to others who email saa@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk who wish to join us for a virtual open evening experience.

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It has been great to welcome our new Year 7 students to the school. In a very short space of time they have developed a confidence in moving around the site and it has been great to see them working hard in lessons. They are a lovely addition to Sybil Andrews Academy.

We have also welcomed new staff to the school; Ms Femi (ICT), Miss Grimsey (DT/Art), Mrs Winsbury (Geography), Mrs Wilson (Head of Maths), Mrs Green (Head of Science), Mrs Ashton (English) and Mr Bradley (PSHE). We also have Mrs Forsdyke (Admin), Mr Garwood (IT Technician) and Mr Orbell (Learning Support Assistant).

Finally, next week students will be talked through some of the leadership opportunities available at the school such as prefects, school ambassadors, school council. We hope this will be an exciting opportunity for many students to apply for.

Thank you for your continued support. These are very different times and our students have adapted very well and doing their part. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T King', written in a cursive style.

T King
Headteacher