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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a restful half term; this letter is to provide an update on school and wider issues.

Ukraine

The current events in Russia and Ukraine are impacting on everyone in the world, with people no doubt feeling a range of emotions as well as having concerns and worries. Students listening and viewing the images may have a lot of questions and need reassurance. As global citizens it is important that we support students about what is going on in the world in a sensitive manner. Below is a link to a resource which may be of use to families when talking about the situation. If the current situation is impacting on you and your family personally, please let your child's form tutor or Head of Year know as it is vital that we provide an appropriate level of support where we can.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

Covid

As you will know, the government regulations regarding covid-19 have now changed. I thought it would be useful to provide an update on what this means for students and their families.

- Students are no longer advised to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests. As a result, school will no longer distribute test kits as we have done previously.

The following actions continue to be advised:

- If students develop symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss or change of taste and smell) they should get a PCR test.
- Students who test positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

We will continue to encourage students to anti-bac regularly and follow the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' advice.

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Staff Update

Mrs Fisher has worked for the school since September 2019. After much deliberation and with great sadness, she has made the decision to leave Sybil Andrews Academy at Easter. She has thoroughly loved her time at the school, but feels it is right for her to focus on a new venture and give more time to her family. She has felt privileged to serve the school for the last three years and would like to extend her thanks to the staff, governors and parents for their support throughout her time at the school and give an even bigger thanks to the wonderful students for making every day such a delightful adventure! We wish Mrs Fisher every success for the future.

Upcoming Dates for the diary

- Wednesday 9th March 2022 – Year 9 Careers Fair
- Thursday 10th March 2022 – Year 9 Options forms due in
- Thursday 10th March 2022 – Year 11 Parents Evening (online).

We look forward to seeing parents at these events.

With best wishes,

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

T King
Headteacher