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Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin October, I am writing to remind you of our Covid measures and some other matters relating to school routines.

The start of term has been a positive one; students have settled back in to their usual routines well, and are working hard in class. It is a real pleasure to see students in assembly over the last week, and I am really delighted to see students engaging in sports practice again, following the easing of restrictions.

There have been reports of some spikes in cases locally, and so please allow me to remind you of our protective measures at Fairfax.

The Academy day starts at 8:35am and students should be at their form room at this time. Please encourage your child to plan their journey to arrive at the school gates no earlier than 8:25am in order to avoid congregation.

In school, students will be encouraged to practice good hand hygiene by washing or sanitizing hands regularly and good respiratory hygiene by coughing/sneezing into a tissue and disposing of the tissue hygienically. If possible, it is appreciated if students attend with a small bottle of sanitizer and a clean tissue in their pocket. The Academy continues to run enhanced cleaning, but good hand hygiene is essential in order to minimize the spread of the virus.

Student social time will be outside; please ensure your child attends with a coat and/or umbrella. As the temperature drops, the Academy will continue to keep windows open; please ensure that your child wears an Academy jumper or appropriate plain layers under their shirt.

LFD testing remains a crucial part of Covid strategy and students are strongly encouraged to test twice weekly. If your child develops any of the Covid symptoms (please see the full NHS list at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-develop-symptoms-of-coronavirus>) they should not attend school, and isolate and get a PCR test immediately.

Thank you for your ongoing support in reducing the risk of the virus.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Academy