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Dear Parent/Carer

As we head into the colder months, I am writing to remind you of our Covid protective measures along with some other updates.

The Academy follows the DfE guidance on Covid measures. Part of these measures is to encourage regular lateral flow testing to identify asymptomatic positive cases. Please support your child to continue to lateral flow test each Sunday and Wednesday, and log the outcome of their test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Students will continue to be encouraged to exercise good hand hygiene by washing/sanitising their hands regularly. They are also reminded to exercise good respiratory hygiene by coughing/sneezing into a tissue, disposing of the tissue hygienically and then washing their hands. Please send your child to school with a clean tissue and, if possible, a pocket-sized bottle of sanitiser.

Enhanced cleaning remains in place and all rooms are ventilated. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure your child wears appropriate plain under layers and a plain black V-neck jumper in order to stay warm. As social time remains outdoors, students should wear an appropriate hooded coat (fabric hoodies are not permitted). Thank you for your ongoing support with the measures listed.

Start/End of the School Day

In order to avoid unnecessary congregation, please plan your child's journey for them to arrive at school at 8:30am. When dropping/collecting your child off by car, please be reminded that there are parking restrictions in place on the road opposite school and there should be no stopping on the yellow zig zag lines.

Remembrance

Our students displayed excellence at the Academy's remembrance event last Thursday. They exited the building in silence and stood respectfully for the act of remembrance. Amongst the armed forces attending, we had a 100-year old veteran who was incredibly impressed by the respectful behaviour of our students.

Personal Development

On Thursday, students completed the first Enrichment Day of the year. These days include a whole range of enrichment activities that contribute to character education and add to our student personal development curriculum. Please talk to your child about the activities they have taken part in.

Eisteddfod

The Eisteddfod zone is well underway. Please take the time to view the competitions on our Facebook page and get your child to take part. There are a wealth of activities and each entry contributes to the House scoring; may the best House win!

Mental Health Awareness

Please find attached a flyer listing the different organisations available to support young people's mental health. If you have any concerns regarding your child's well-being, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Attendance

As we remain in these uncertain times, please be reminded that it is important that your child attends school as closely to 100% of the time as possible. Attendance is directly linked to progress and outcomes and, given the loss of time in school during the pandemic, we are working hard to identify and remedy any learning loss. Please be reminded that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Finally, as the colder weather approaches, please be reminded of the Academy's extreme weather guidance, detailed in the attached letter.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education at Fairfax Academy.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Academy

Attachment: Flyer – Mental Health Organisations
Extreme Weather Guidance Letter