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Re: Arrangements post Mid Term Break

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and students,

I hope you all had a relaxing mid-term break and enjoyed the rest. As we prepare to return to school tomorrow there have been a few changes that need to be noted. The recent directive from the Department of Education is that all schools should now resume normal school routines and normal teaching and learning activities. For this reason, please note the following:

- Masks can be worn by staff or students if they wish. They are not a requirement. If your child would like to continue to wear a mask that is entirely up to them. Consequently, mask breaks will be dis-continued.
- Hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes will still be available and we will continue to operate sanitising regimes throughout the school.
- Learning spaces and classrooms will be reconfigured over the next few days to suit what is best for teaching and learning.
- Ventilation measures will be continued in classrooms and windows will be left open at every opportunity to protect everyone.
- If your child has symptoms they must stay at home; please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.
- Please ensure that your child has the full uniform for each day of the week.

 Changing Rooms are now permitted and students are expected to bring in their PE
 Gear on the relevant day. Students are not permitted to wear PE Gear into school.

 High standards of uniform are expected and this will be communicated to students on their return.
- Small Break and Lunchtime arrangements will operate on exactly the same basis as before the Mid Term Break. Likewise, the school Canteen will operate as before until new arrangements are agreed.

In general, we will be adopting a cautious and incremental approach to the easing of all other restrictions. We will communicate all these other changes in advance of their occurrence. Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all our school community for the cooperation, patience and support throughout this very challenging period.

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