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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on some recent changes we have made or will be making over the next few weeks and months.

We have decided that we no longer need to keep pupils in their year group 'bubbles' and so although they go to their previous zones at the start of the day, they can mix freely with all other year groups at break, lunch and after school.

We have also re-introduced the 'picnic area' which is a large space at the front of the school which pupils from any year group can go to at break and lunch to eat their food. At lunch, they collect a picnic blanket and bin and can then eat their picnic/packed lunch with a group of friends.

Over the next few weeks we will be making sure that all pupils (Y7-11) have their own locker. We will not be charging for these next year and so are making sure that everyone has a locker this side of the summer break. Pupils just need to have their own padlocks. This means that all pupils have somewhere safe to lock their possessions. From September, we will also no longer be charging for link books.

At the request of pupils, we are changing our PE kit. The new PE kit will be available for all to buy but only compulsory for the year 7 pupils starting in September 2022. We do not want parents to incur additional costs so it makes sense if they only buy new when they have grown out of their current kit. We are also setting up a 'nearly new' uniform shop so if you are able to donate any uniform (particularly the blazer), it would be much appreciated. Please just bring in to the school office when it is convenient.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of what you can do if you wish to raise a concern about an issue relating to your child. In the first instance, refer to a form tutor, YLC or Leadership link member of staff. If you would like to refer a matter to me, please do this via the school office. Alternatively, you can come in to school on a Monday between 4 and 5pm to speak to a senior member of staff who will be available as part of our 'Open Door' facility. We are also very keen for parents from all year groups to join our Parents' Forum. This group of parents meet each term for consultation about proposed plans for the future. The next meeting of this group is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in the main hall.

We are very much looking forward to our pupils being able to sit their exams this year and are also pleased to have a Cultural Day, Sports Day, FAB week (previously known as humanities) and our Literature Festival to look forward to. Thank you for all your continued support.

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