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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well.

Based on the recent and national changes linked to COVID-19 I would like to keep you informed on what we are doing at George Spencer Academy to maximise safety and ensure students continue to receive a great learning experience.

Remote Learning Offer: Thank you to those of you who replied to our survey in the Parent Bulletin at the end of the first half term. In response to this our Vice Principal, Miss Gordon has put together some guidance for parents on how they can support with Google Classroom and some tips on how to use it. This will be shared in the coming week. Miss Gordon has also produced a video for students on how they can use Google Classroom effectively. This will be included and discussed during form time learning in the coming weeks.

Face Masks: We are all wearing face masks when moving around our site and in communal areas. I am extremely proud of how well our students have responded to this, they are taking it in their stride. Their resilience and openness to change is commendable.

A warm winter coat and blanket: Based on government guidance we are keeping windows open in classrooms to support the flow of fresh air. As we edge towards the winter months and the weather becomes colder please ensure your child wears a warm, black coat to school because they will be allowed to keep these on in lessons. Hoodies will continue to be a non-uniform item that we will ask students to remove. In addition, your child may like to keep a blanket in their bag should they wish to use if they feel cold in lessons.

Government update: The government updated their guidance to schools yesterday in light of the national lockdown. The guidance explains that schools should remain open for all children and explains that the risk to children themselves becoming seriously ill from COVID-19 is very low and that the benefits of being back in the classroom far outweigh the low risk of coronavirus. If you have any concerns, worries or questions about your child being in school please contact us so we can share details of our safety measures and provide you with support and reassurance.

Year 11 PPE's: I would like to publicly thank our Year 11 cohort. Their behaviour, conduct and motivation during the PPEs this week have been exemplary.

If you have any questions that haven't been covered above please continue to contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Corbett
Principal