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Dear all Parents & Carers

I hope this email finds you all safe and well.

### **Covid Updates**

Firstly, as you will hopefully have seen, there have been further updates to the self-isolation steps recommended by the NHS, if your child tests positive for Covid-19. I will of course try to make this as simple and as clear as possible for you:

- Please ensure that you are testing regularly at home using the Lateral Flow devices. This is the best way to detect transmission and support the reduction in the spread of infections.
- If your child tests positive on an LFT, you can now trust that result - you do not need to book a PCR
- You should then re-test daily, from day 5
- Once you receive back-to-back negative results, your child can return to school E.g. Negative result on day 5 and 6
- If your child continues to test positive daily after day 5, they can only return after day 10
- If your child has the key symptoms, you can book a PCR test (please refer to the NHS guidance on these symptoms below)
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

We are continuing to work through a higher-than-normal number of infections across the school, although this is no different to local and national transmission rates. Please also be reminded that if your child is isolating, they can access work through their class team online.

### **Enrichment**

A big part of our culture at CoPA is offering the students extra-curricular and personal development opportunities. We have re-launched our enrichment offer for the Spring Term, and it fills me with great pleasure to attach this offer, so you can see what a great range of activities are available for students. It has been a pleasure to see so many students accessing these activities already.

### **Homework**

I would like to again reiterate that as a school we believe in students completing regular, relevant, and accessible independent study - or homework. We have a range of platforms that students access their homework from, but all homework can be tracked and viewed on your child's ClassCharts account. This includes whether they have submitted pieces of homework or not. Can I please ask for your support in

ensuring that your child engages with their homework and understands the value that this has on their education and academic progress.

### **Ofsted Preparation**

You may be aware that we now in our Ofsted window, where we are due a re-inspection following our March 2019 inspection. I am extremely proud of the work we have done as an Academy since March 2019, and I say with confidence that we are a different school. We will be doing everything in our power to show this, whenever our inspection arrives, and become a 'Good' Academy again - as this is what the school and local community deserve. As ever, we are constantly looking at ways we can maintain our improvement journey and better the Academy. A big part of this, is listening to your views and taking these into consideration. We do this 3 times a year with Parent Voice, unless we have anything additional to consult you on.

Please use the link below to provide your views for the Spring Term. I would really appreciate your feedback, as the previous parent voice surveys have provided me with not only valuable feedback, but also assurance that we are doing a number of things to your and your child's satisfaction.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LgF7n5kEeR>

The questions are the same as you would receive in an Ofsted inspection. Although you will be sent a specific link at the time of inspection, you can complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire prior to any inspection if you wish here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Academy

Kind Regards

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