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Principal: Mr I Patel

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and in good health.

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I wanted to use this opportunity to thank all students and parents for the safe return of children to school. We have had a real focus on students meeting key expectations for learning and staff have been focusing on student's continuation of learning from remote teaching to in-class teaching. A few key messages as we go into the break

Easter Track & Trace Protocol

Similar to the Christmas and half term holiday arrangements, schools have been asked to support Track & Trace procedures over the Easter Break.

Schools have been asked to continue tracking positive cases for the 6 days after schools officially close in order to inform parents if their children have come into contact with someone that has tested positive and will need to isolate over the Easter break. Whilst we understand that this would be disappointing, it is essential in allowing families and staff to take necessary measures to keep themselves and family members safe.

What we ask from you:

- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 on Saturday 27th March or Sunday 28th March, parents must isolate their household immediately and book a COVID test at a testing centre.
- When the result comes back, if this is positive, the parents must inform us immediately. To do this, parents should email the result to: covidresponseteam@tmet.uk
- Parents should include their child's name, the name of the school, and child's class.

What we will do:

- We will contact the parent of the child who has tested positive to gain further details
- We will look closely at which children and staff would have been a close contact 48 hours before the onset of the symptoms
- We will inform relevant parents that their child has been in close contact with someone that has tested positive and advise them to self-isolate. This will be done through a letter
- We will inform staff that they have been in close contact with someone that has tested positive and advise them to isolate.

Uniform and Equipment

As previously communicated, we have been having a key focus on uniform and equipment over the last 3 weeks. Students have settled well back in to school and the routine of standing behind desks for uniform and equipment checks have been very successful. By having pencil cases out on desks, this has allowed our staff to support students with having the correct equipment ready to learn every lesson

A reminder that all students are expected to have the following equipment as a minimum:

A pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler, Casio Fx83GTX calculator, a reading book and specialist equipment such as PE Kit.

As always, if you require any support with uniform and equipment for your child, please feel free to email info@orchard-tmet.uk or contact the school on 01162413371.

We wish you all a safe and restful break.

Best regards



Imtiaz Patel
Principal