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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again I must congratulate the students on an excellent week in school. We are all learning our new routines and I am grateful to all the staff and students for upholding their part in the risk assessment.

We had the pleasure of hosting our on-line virtual open evening this week and it was wonderful to share all that is exemplary about our school with potential parents and students. I must thank the Senior Student Leaders for supporting the leadership group by sharing their experiences.

Our feeder school retreat day will be operating differently this year with our Lay Chaplain visiting our feeder school bubbles for part of the day so we can introduce the Catholic life of the college in our current climate.

Year 7 and 9 have had their photographs taken and they will bring home the proofs as soon as they are available to us.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in relation to the refunds of trips from the academic year 2019/20. As I am sure you can appreciate it has been a lengthy process to cancel trips, make the appropriate claims, chase the insurers for the outcomes of the claims and receipt of the funds and process the refunds to parents. At the current time all trips due to be taken during the academic year 2019/20 have been refunded through ParentPay (if this was the payment method) or following the instructions you have provided (for some of the larger trips). At this current time the only outstanding trips are the Krakow and Madrid trips. In both instances we are expecting payment from our insurers in the next few days and refunds will be processed as soon as the funds have been received.

As a reminder, Year 12 and 13 have assessments next week. For Year 12 it is crucial that students have an opportunity to demonstrate they are 'A level ready' in their chosen subjects and for Year 13 it is important that we have a clear indication of progress prior to writing UCAS references. Please note, the schedules have been emailed to the students.

Next week is also our Year 11 parents evening and I would ask Year 11 parents to complete the Google Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0t\\_pqctj1-ZF8Zh\\_XKaxo-9h-ul03u2galXQ3mKLtZdK86A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0t_pqctj1-ZF8Zh_XKaxo-9h-ul03u2galXQ3mKLtZdK86A/viewform) indicating your availability and preferred contact number.

As a reminder, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding an online virtual Sixth Form open evening. Students from Painsley's Year 11 and other schools are welcome to sign up via the Google Form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3IUefX4pyi6nIbtuCNOSPqVDWA5jvZmjX0pGPqKEuSk-mBA/viewform>

Links to these forms are also available on our website.

I know that there is a lot of confusion and uncertainty regarding whether to send your child to school if they have a cold or a cough. This will become particularly difficult as winter approaches. To clarify, the NHS make it clear that it is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. This includes a runny nose or if they are feeling a little under the weather but do not have a temperature, persistent cough or loss or change of taste or smell. In these instances, you may wish to seek advice from a pharmacy, see your GP or visit [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk). You should **not** ask for a coronavirus test in this situation.



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However, please do not, **under any circumstances**, send your child to school if they have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, which are:

- a high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (it is not necessary to measure a person’s temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means **coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours** (if a person usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to a person’s sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.**

If you suspect that you, or anyone you live with including your child, may have the main symptoms of coronavirus, the person with the symptoms should get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. It is not necessary for all members of the household to be tested – just the person with symptoms. Stay at home and do not have visitors until the test result is returned – only leave the home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, **must also stay at home** until you get the result. Please inform school **immediately** if you or anyone you live with has coronavirus symptoms.

If your child is asked to self-isolate, they will be able to access remote teaching via Google Meet. Many thanks for your support on this vitally important issue.

In the Gospel on Sunday we hear of the generosity of God (Matthew 20: 1-16). In these times let us all be generous in spirit and not envious of what others have got.

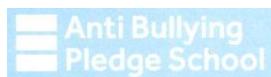
Best wishes

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