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Dear Parents / Carers

RE: Covid-19 Update

Firstly, I hope you and your family are heathy and keeping safe. I am writing to keep you informed of how hard we are working to ensure we continue to support you during these difficult times.

Thank you to you all for your ongoing support and positive feedback as we continue to prioritise student and staff safety in all of our decision making. These are like no other times known and we are confident we will get through it by working together.

Our virtual offer is engaging 75% of young people and their families which includes some fun wellbeing interactions mixed with educational activities. The staff team have adapted their work brilliantly to manage their own safety whilst continuing to support your child each day. We are also working in partnership with a range of agencies and the Local Authority and will soon start to look at adding some time back on site to provide some respite as we make plans to return to school as we knew it.

Just so you are fully aware this will not be right for every child nor will it be full time. It will depend on your views and the staff, leaders and space available. I can say it will follow strict handwashing and social distancing guidance to ensure the safety of all, at all times.

These steps will be planned, coordinated and communicated with you by the teams at Sevenhills and Phoenix Park Academy and an offer made to attend the site as well as virtual learning where appropriate. Please be in touch if there are any circumstances that we should know about that may help us make plans for those who need it most, initially.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Hutchinson Executive Principal

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