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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this email finds you all safe and well having had the chance to rest over the half term break.

In light of the new guidance and restrictions that have been introduced as part of the second lockdown, we would be grateful for your continuing support. I have attached the 'Let's Talk About' presentation that has been shared with students this week during tutor time. It outlines the new guidelines with particular regards to face coverings in and around school and gathering in groups out of school. We have drawn students' attention to the fact that the rates of infection amongst teenagers are the highest and it is crucial that we work together to keep everyone safe and do what we can to avoid further restrictions.

Our priority, as always, is to keep the school open and to keep staff and all pupils safe. To do this we must work together and we need your help.

Masks and Hand Sanitiser

It is now a legal requirement for all students to wear masks when moving around the premises, outside of the classrooms, such as corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot be easily maintained. Some students are exempt from wearing a mask and we are sensitive to their needs. We are grateful that many of you read our letter home before half term and that most of the children now have their own reusable masks and bring in their own hand sanitiser.

As of **Monday 9th November** there will be a charge of 50p to purchase one of our masks. If a student chooses to come to school without a mask of their own, **they will have to purchase one of ours and funds will be transferred from that child's Wisepay account accordingly.** We will not allow a student onsite without a mask. Please ensure that your child has their own mask(s) and complies with these requirements. May we also remind parents that face masks must be worn by all students when travelling on public transport. They may not be challenged by bus drivers but they still must demonstrate respect, responsibility and compliance.

Students gathering out of school at the start or end of the day

Students **MUST NOT** gather in groups when arriving or exiting the school. They **MUST NOT** linger at Crown Point or remain in crowds outside takeaways. It is now a criminal offence for students to gather in groups and if confronted by the police students must understand that they could face a heavy fine. The guidance specifically says that '*Households are **not** allowed to mix indoors, or in private gardens. Individuals can meet **ONE** person from outside their household in a public space.*

We are doing our best to ensure that all students avoid physical contact, including at break and lunch times. We have told them that we do not want them to hang around in large groups during

social times. They have been told that they should not travel to/from school with more than one other person - **this is now the law.**

Clubs

The new guidelines prevent after school activities which are not directly to provide childcare. Therefore the extra curricular clubs that we have only recently been able to reinstate, unfortunately need to be put on hold for Lockdown 2. This will be reviewed once the current lockdown is over and we hope to return to offering some after school clubs in December. If we receive any further guidance about clubs and extracurricular activities we will let you know.

On a slightly more positive note, we would like to thank you all for your kind donations to the Norwood and Brixton Foodbank - we took 270.2 Kilos of much needed groceries and essentials to the warehouse just before half term. We will also be making a donation of almost £1000 to the 'Show Racism the Red Card organisation' from our Wear It Red Day on the last day of the last half term.

Thank you all for your generosity, cooperation and support.

Best wishes,

Denise Webster
Headteacher