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Dear Parents/Carers

### COVID Update

We have had a number of staff test positive with the COVID virus this week. Unfortunately we are having to close a class next week as most of the staff team and a number of the students in the same class have also tested positive. If you are able to, please get your child to do a lateral flow test- we have a number of them in school so please contact the school office if you would like some sent home.

We are once again asking all staff to wear masks in communal areas, to keep rooms well ventilated and to ensure that the students all follow our hygiene procedures.

We have also had several students who have had bouts of diarrhoea this week and they have had to stay at home for 48hours. **Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.**

### Post 16

We are aware that many of you received a letter from the Local Authority detailing an event at Barnet and Southgate College about options Post 16. Please let me assure you that if your child is going to be 16 this year they do not have to leave the school and they can remain in our sixth form either for one, two or three years. During Annual Reviews, we will be discussing options with you and your child for the next steps in their education.

Oakbridge Special Education, our subsidiary further education provision, will also be hosting an information event for parents/carers after the half-term and more details will be sent to you nearer the time.

### Half-term

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Friday October the 22<sup>nd</sup> as we have chosen that day as our 'additional bank holiday' to take account of the additional public holiday scheduled for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The additional day of closure is to allow all employees their full public holiday entitlement in lieu.

School will reopen on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

Best wishes

**Lynda Walker**

Headteacher