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Dear Parents and Guardians of The Ladies' College

I am delighted to write to you to confirm that College will move into Stage 3 on Monday 22 March 2021, with the rest of the Bailiwick bubble and extend my thanks to everyone who has made Stage 2 work so well.

The bullet points below identify what will now change from Monday:

- Uniform must now be worn throughout the College and all standard expectations met.
- The time of the College day will revert to usual timings, as well as lesson times and breaks.
- Pupils and students may enter the College at their usual entry and exit points. (Sanitiser will now be standard at these points of entry and exit).
- All classes, assemblies, activities and before and after school clubs and care will operate as in pre lockdown conditions and class bubbles are no longer required. Outdoor lessons are encouraged, as are singing, practical activities and the playing of musical instruments.
- The Core will operate as normal and all surfaces must be cleaned by each person, or the Lunchtime Supervisors at Melrose, as pupils and students leave their table. Any shared kitchen utensils should be put in a dishwasher and paper towels are to be used, not shared tea towels.

What is now here to stay, for the foreseeable future:

- Good hygiene practices, hand washing, catch it, bin it, kill it, and avoid sharing wherever possible. Poster and electronic signage will continue to reinforce these key messages.
- The understanding of the health protection benefits of providing appropriate personal space, especially when moving around the site and queuing in communal areas.
- If anyone becomes unwell with any Covid-19 symptoms – fever, dry cough, headache, muscle aches, fever, sore throat, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, unusual fatigue, diarrhoea or vomiting, a rash, chest pain, loss of speech or movement - they must stay at home.
- Anyone developing Covid symptoms at school will be isolated and parents asked to collect their child immediately and advised to contact the coronavirus helpline to arrange testing.

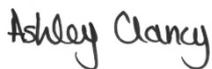
- Symptomatic individuals should isolate on their own until they have received a negative test result. Young children will require a parent or carer to isolate with them. Assuming family members have no contact with the isolating child, parent / carer, they can carry on their activities as normal.
- With the exception of vomiting and diarrhoea which still requires 48 hours without symptoms before returning, there is no requirement for any additional time off once other (Covid) symptoms have passed, before returning.
- The use of face coverings is recommended by Public Health for adults and older children, particularly in communal areas and when moving around the building. The wearing of these is an individual's choice in College.
- Enhanced cleaning will continue.
- Our Reception(s) will sign students and visitors in and out.
- There will be no school visits outside of the Bailiwick until advised differently.

To try to avoid any transmission should there be cases of Covid identified in Guernsey, it is crucial that all staff, children and young people with symptoms do not attend College.

I hope the summary above helps in your preparation, and that of your children, for Monday. It will be almost a year to the day that we went into the first lockdown, which makes the fact that we are coming out of lockdown, rather than going into one even more special. I know that we all appreciate that the situation can change very quickly and whilst I am sure that we will enjoy Stage 3, we should be prepared to react quickly to any changes on the island or within College, to ensure that we do all that we can to keep our College community and the Island as Covid free as we can.

With thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Ashley Clancy
Principal