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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Impact of Covid on Teaching and Learning

We are proud of how well our community has adapted to the global pandemic over the past two years and continually grateful for our community's support. Moving into 2022, it is clear further flexibility is needed. Looking at educational patterns from around the world, we see that learning will need to be more adaptive as we balance dual learning (onsite with online) programmes.

Flexible dual learning comes with its positives and challenges, but ultimately it allows us to create a sense of shared, collaborative learning and belonging. Belonging and wellbeing are important attributes that support our curriculum. This year, we will continue to develop learning programmes that are engaging as well as balanced, caring, structured, and connected.

How we are preparing or questions you might have:

- For students who are self-isolating at home, they can access their classwork and feedback online. Subject teachers may use Microsoft Teams or the OLE to assist. At times, it may also be appropriate for the student to be invited into a 'live' discussion or task. If you have any questions regarding classwork, please reach out to individual subject teachers.
- Staff will also be 'practicing' online learning with their classes while being onsite. This 'flipped or blended' learning approach will give staff and students the opportunity to preview, test functionality and practice online learning skills while their teacher is present.
- If we see high student or staff absences, due to the predicted impact of the Omicron variant some classes may be combined or covered by a relief teacher. In such cases students will be directed to the OLE for further information.
- As with any sickness, we do not expect staff or students to participate in online learning if they are sick - it is important to take the time to get well. If your child(ren) are unwell please inform the College in the usual manner (skc_absence@saintkentigern.com). If their illness has been identified as a Covid infection do let us know this detail.

Reminders:

- **Athletics** – We wish to confirm that at this stage our College Athletics Day is going ahead next week on **Thursday 17 February** as planned. Details of the day's programme can be found on the OLE Sports page. There will be Covid restrictions in place and sadly we are unable to welcome any spectators. However, the event may be postponed should Covid incidents impact the College.
- **Summer Sports** – Please note that during the Red Traffic Light setting, spectators are not permitted to be present during these events. We appreciate the disappointment of not being able to watch and support your child(ren), however, this is in line with Covid restrictions.

Your sincerely,

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