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Dear parents/guardians

I would like to write to say how impressed we have all been with sixth form students over the first half term. We understand how challenging it is to navigate the pandemic but teachers tell me how well their classes are working and adapting to the "bubble" system. I also want to thank students for wearing face coverings around school this week.

In September we took the unusual decision to allow students to leave the site once they had finished their lessons for the day, but maintained the expectation of being in school every morning for registration.

As the country moves into a new form of lockdown on Thursday, we are making a **temporary** adjustment to our attendance policy. During these four weeks students will be permitted to come into school for their lessons and continue with their independent study at home. If a student has a lesson period 1, then they must attend registration at 8:50 am beforehand. We do not want students to entirely lose the vital contact that they have with tutors.

Punctuality, routine and good study habits are critical to success in the sixth form. Students should continue to get up in good time in the morning and complete some independent study if they are arriving at school later in the day.

If students are arriving just in time for lessons then they should head straight to class to be registered there. If they arrive significantly before a lesson, then students should sign in using the folder outside the sixth form office or by attending registration at 8:50 am; we must know who is on site for health and safety reasons.

If students go home between lessons, they must sign out and back in, again using the folder outside the sixth form office.

If students are signing in or out for appointments or other reasons, then this should be done in the usual way by coming to speak to staff in the sixth form office.

Study facilities will remain open throughout the day and if on site, students should attend registration in the morning.

- Week 1
 - Year 12: Library and theatre
 - Year 13: Sixth form centre and lower school canteen (lesson 1 – 3)
- Week 2
 - Year 12: Sixth form centre and lower school canteen (lesson 1 – 3)
 - Year 13: Library and theatre

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Once the new lockdown has ended and if Dorset remains in Tier 1, the expectation will return that students should arrive every day for 8:50 am.

Thank you for your support

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