

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear students and parents

As we reach the end of the first half term of this new academic year, I know that everyone in our community is delighted that we have been able to operate largely as usual at Collyer's. It has been fantastic to have all lessons onsite, see clubs and societies flourish in person again and have students participate in sports fixtures and trips. This return to a sense of normality has been hard won, and I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their ongoing support for our Covid safety measures that keep positive cases as low as possible.

You will all be aware I'm sure that cases are higher nationally and in particular age groups. In our current arrangements, which are detailed on the [college website](#), we already err on the side of caution with one-way systems in place and mass meetings over 50 people not allowed for the time being. If our current situation changes, we have clear contingency plans that include a range of tighter safety restrictions such as mandating face masks. We would much prefer, of course, to be able to maintain our current arrangements and the freedoms that these bring for our students.

I have [attached](#) a letter from Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education and Skills at West Sussex County Council, which provides very helpful reminders about regular testing and what to do if you are a close contact of someone that tests positive. Please do read the letter to refresh your understanding of current arrangements and once we return after the half term break, I am sure that all our community will stay committed to the extra measures we have in place for everyone's safety.

I wish everyone a restful half term next week and look forward to seeing students back on site on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Kind regards

Dan Lodge  
Principal