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Dear families

Thank you for your support this week in ensuring students have returned to Dixons Fazakerley ready to learn and with a positive and focused mindset. It has been a real pleasure to welcome students back over the last couple of days and they are smartly dressed, fully equipped and ready to keep on learning. Determination, Integrity and Respect have been demonstrated by students across the academy and it has been a very positive start to term.

I wanted to share with you how proud I am of the changing culture within our school and the role your child plays within that. Upon our return so many students have, without prompting, asked about my festive break and wished me and other colleagues well for the New Year and it is that genuine mutual respect that underpins every successful school in the country.

### **Covid-19**

As I discussed in my previous letter it is clear that cases are rising across the country and in Liverpool and as a result of that the attendance of students and staff is being affected. We continue to remain open to all year groups and are using a mixture of cover, collapsing groups and external supply to help manage this; please explain to your child that this will inevitably mean they might have different teachers and / or different groupings but everything we are doing is designed to keep a subject specialist in front of them wherever possible.

Please can I ask all families to ensure your child tests twice a week using a lateral flow test. We have distributed kits to students already and can provide more if needed – they can be collected by students from the attendance office at the end of the school day.

### **Routines and Priorities**

Our big focus this half term is to embed the improved behaviour across the academy and ensure that your child and everyone of their peers is able to enjoy disruption free learning within the classroom. We have introduced Learning Modes across the academy which means in every lesson for each task students will be very clear as to how they should be completing that task. As always, we build our culture to support the most vulnerable child in school and therefore this approach provides absolute clarity and, as you would expect, most tasks will be completed in independent silent study mode. Please ask your child about the learning modes and how they are supporting learning in their classroom.

Another key priority for us this half term is about ensuring our corridors are calm and quiet and that transitions are quick to allow all students to feel safe, respected and clear on when they need to be in lessons by. We have introduced music for some transitions and we have been really clear in regards to the fact that late to lessons will lead to corrections as no one can afford to lose learning time.

As always, thank you for your support as we continue to enable your child to climb their mountain to university or a real alternative. It is an exciting time to be a part of the change of Dixons Fazakerley and I hope you feel that too – please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. I wish you and your loved ones a safe and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

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