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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you were able to enjoy a lovely Easter break with your families.

It is wonderful to see our children back in school. We will continue to put in place our usual safety measures with pupils continuing to enjoy our large outdoor space at break and lunch times, with hopefully better weather this term. For the time being, the Department for Education's guidance on wearing face-coverings remains in place in classrooms and shared areas indoors.

We are also delighted that lunchtime sports, with a PE coach, and a wider range of extra-curricular activities, including multi-sports and rugby, are now able to start again in the Summer term.

Lateral Flow Tests: Home Testing

Please continue to do the home tests every Sunday and Wednesday evening, reporting the results to school and the national website. They should be done at least 30 minutes after eating or drinking. A reminder that family members are also able to obtain tests either from test sites or by ordering them online.

INSET day

This term there will be an INSET day on Monday 7th June 2021.

School uniform

With the re-opening of shops, including Stevensons and shoe shops, please can we ensure that our children are wearing the correct school uniform each day. Girls may only wear sleeper studs, one in each earlobe. No other jewellery should be worn with the exception of an item of religious significance which should be worn on a chain such that it cannot be seen.

Parents'/ Carers' Evenings

This term there will be parents'/ carers' evenings, via Microsoft Teams or by telephone (depending on parents'/ carers' chosen preferences) across all year groups on:

Parents'/ Carers' Evenings – Tuesday 27th April 2021

Parents'/ Carers' Evenings – Wednesday 28th April 2021

Summer Formal Assessments

These will commence in June 2021. Students have received details of the arrangements for these. For KS3 assessments in the assembly hall, because we are able to enable greater social



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distancing within the hall, students will not be required to wear face coverings, once in the hall, if they prefer not to.

Provisional Arrangements for Year 8

Our first Year 8 Prom is provisionally planned for 16th July 2021. This will take place outdoors on the school's field and more details will follow shortly. Please note, that this of course is dependent on latest government restrictions allowing, so please do not go out and buy dresses to avoid any possible disappointment. We have put this date provisionally in our school calendar so please wait for us to confirm when the government has shared that such events can proceed outdoors.

The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#). It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the Covid-19 outbreak.

There is also an [adult survey](#) for parents and carers to share their views about the future for children and young people today.

Operation Encompass

The school is taking part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Dorset Police.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools when a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse, this information will be shared with the schools.

Operation Encompass will ensure that senior safeguarding members of the school staff, (DSL/DDSLs) known as Key Adults, are trained to allow them to receive information from the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Kind Regards,

Dr Deborah Craddock
Headteacher