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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are all aware, England will enter a four-week national lockdown starting today Thursday 5th November. In order to maintain a safe learning environment, we would like the following to become the norm from today:

- Face coverings to be worn at all times apart from in lessons. Therefore, face coverings are to be worn by staff and students in corridors, arriving and leaving at the school gate and during line up. Please ensure that students have a plastic bag to help keep their mask dry and reduce risk.
- Windows and doors in classrooms are to be open to create a flow of air.
- Students are reminded to remain in their year group zones/ key stage bubbles and to maintain distance when it is possible to do so.
- Students are to use the hand sanitizer before and after lessons. Sanitizing stations are located in every room and additional dispensers are to be found in dining areas.

These precautions will help us during the winter months that lie ahead as will the continued support for each other.

Ventilation in Classrooms

I would like to remind you all that having good ventilation in place is a requirement in schools at this time. I appreciate that this means that we will need to manage the temperature carefully as the weather becomes colder. I am also grateful for your support in ensuring your child has a school jumper and a sensible weatherproof coat to keep warm and dry throughout the day.

Online Parent Consultation Evenings – SchoolCloud

I am pleased to let you know that we will be investing in a straightforward and simple online system that will enable us to run online Video Parent Consultation Evenings this year. More information, including training guides and videos explaining how to book appointments and how to use the app, will be shared with you soon.

Remote Education

All students have had an opportunity to log into their online classrooms in lessons to check that they can access all their virtual classrooms in case they need to isolate. The online [classroom codes can be found here](#). We appreciate that students may get through the online provision quicker at home than during a lesson as they will not have the opportunities for the rich dialogue and deeper level questioning that a classroom teacher provides.

We also encourage all students to access **Seneca** to support their digital learning by accessing this [link](#). Seneca offers high-quality online learning courses for students to study from a computer, tablet or phone. Seneca's parent accounts also allow you to learn alongside your child if you wish to do so. This might be helpful in supporting you to work with your child on areas of their school work that you are less familiar with. You can sign up for a free Seneca parent account here: app.senecalearning.com/parent. Seneca have made this handy [2 minute video](#) to help you get started. Or you can [read how to get your free account](#) if you'd prefer. You can also [click here](#) to sign up for a free webinar on how you can use Seneca to help your child.

Year Group Eating Areas:

- Year 7 - in their classrooms
- Year 8 - in the Agora
- Year 9 - In the Business lounge
- Year 10 - Lower end of the dining hall
- Year 11 Stage and upper end of the dining hall

Food Provision

As the colder weather sets in we would like to trial introducing some hot food into our menu whilst still adhering to the government guidelines, keeping students in their year group bubbles and wearing masks whilst queuing. Below is an example of the trial limited menu which we will review based on uptake and logistics. We will republish it should we need to change it.

Sample Menu of hot food to purchase from Monday 9th November

Day	Break £1.40	Lunch £2.30
Monday	Bacon Rolls / Hash Brown Roll	Monday: Italian day <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pasta pots with sauces, Tomato & Basil or Tomato & bacon with garlic bread● Packed Lunch selection of sandwich choices
Tuesday	Panini (small) selection (choice of fillings, BBQ chicken, bacon & cheese and tuna melt)	Tuesday: Indian day <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rice bowls or Jacket Potato and naan breads<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chicken or Quorn Korma● Packed Lunch selection of sandwich choices
Wednesday	Pizza slices/ Cheesy Garlic Bread	Wednesday : Mexican day <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rice bowls / Jackets with<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ chilli, or filled mexican spiced veg wraps or even a panini● Packed Lunch selection of sandwich choices
Thursday	Sausage Rolls / Croissants / Pain au chocolat	Thursday : Italian day <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Paninis (large) choice of fillings, BBQ chicken, bacon & cheese and tuna melt● Packed Lunch selection of sandwich choices
Friday	Panini (small) selection (choice of fillings, BBQ chicken, bacon & cheese and tuna melt)	Friday : Traditional <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fish n chips or Veggie Nuggets n Chips● Packed Lunch selection of sandwich choices

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If you would like your child to purchase a lunch please ensure that you put funds onto their sQuid catering purse and we will debit the correct amount at the time of purchase. Also, if your child is entitled to FSM please remind them that they can collect a lunch from the relevant areas each day.

Change in circumstances

If you have any questions regarding the provision of lunches, or if you feel you may be entitled to FSM if your circumstances have changed over the last few months or as we go onto a second lockdown, please contact Miss Z Fowler on zfowler@atlantic-aspirations.org, who will be happy to discuss this with you. Alternatively, you can check your eligibility via this Dorset Council link: [Dorset Council FSM Application](#). Please note this does not affect any benefits you are already entitled to.

Enrichment

Unfortunately, we are unable to run enrichment groups in person after school, although we are providing these through online / virtual platforms for those students who have signed up looking for after school projects. Please note that secondary students will have a two week break from enrichment activities in order to focus on their end of unit PPEs. Therefore, there will be no secondary enrichment from Monday 16th November until Friday 27th November with enrichment resuming on Monday 30th November.

Pre Public Examinations (PPEs), assessment fortnight : Monday 16th November until Friday 27th November

This is for students in Years 7-11: a letter and timetable has gone out in a separate letter today.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Bishop', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L Bishop
Principal of Secondary