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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware the government has implemented a one-month lockdown from Thursday 5 November to Wednesday 2 December. I am writing to confirm that we are still operating full face to face delivery at this time, with all of the same procedures in place for core and wider curriculum delivery.

One adaption we are having to make is to our catering provision. You will know that students have a 15-minute break and a 45-minute lunch period at TSFA, both of which are staggered so that Year 12 and Year 13 do not come into direct contact with each other and so that a cleaning schedule can take place between sittings in the Trinity Eats restaurant.

Because of the potential impact of closures to some of the local fast food outlets in the centre of Halifax, we are expecting to see greater footfall within the academy during lunch periods. As a result, we are opening two 'Additional Dining Spaces' within the academy each day for both Year 12 and Year 13 lunches. These rooms will be staffed and will give students an opportunity to eat their packed lunches or Trinity Eats meals in a suitable and safe place. We will also be amending our menu, to enable the sale of more 'grab and go' options that can be easily purchased and if necessary, moved to one of our Additional Dining Spaces safely.

These new measures were outlined to students in a detailed assembly yesterday afternoon, as the government guidance was published. The key messages were as follows:

1. We recommend that students consider staying in the academy for lunch periods
2. We encourage students eligible for Free Meals or Bursary Meals to enjoy a free daily meal from Trinity Eats.
3. If students feel it is essential that they leave the academy at lunchtimes they understand the potential consequences of not following social distancing guidance – they need to protect themselves and those around them by:
  - a. Maintaining 2m social distancing outside of the academy at all times
  - b. Wearing face coverings where required to do so

I realise how much of a challenge deciphering and upholding the guidance can be for students, particularly as there are sometimes grey areas which need deciphering. But, it is the gold standard that has been set and I have asked students to demonstrate a positive and respectful attitude towards these new measures. I have said in the past that the way students conduct themselves inside the academy is exemplary and has served to minimise transmission rates. I believe that a pragmatic and common-sense approach to this new guidance will support our mission to continue to offer the quality classroom-based provision that our students need and deserve.

Yours sincerely

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