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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update

Dear Parent and Carers

We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Christmas, despite the Covid-19 restrictions that we continue to face.

Our letter today includes important information relating to your young person returning to college on Monday 4th January 2021.

Following the announcement led by the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education on 30th December all special schools are required to remain open, even in higher tier (contingency) areas such as Gravesham. The guidance can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/948630/Contingency_framework_implementation_guidance.pdf

Therefore, we will be opening college for all learners as planned on Monday 4th January.

The guidance for special schools' states that special schools should allow learners to attend full time, unless they are shielding or self-isolating. The guidance remains that you should not send your young person to school if they are displaying any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19. More information about the symptoms can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>.

We appreciate that many of you will have concerns about sending your young person back to college next week given the high rates of Covid-19 transmissions, however we would like to take the opportunity to reassure you that as before, a great deal of planning and risk assessments have been carried out to ensure that our school continues to be as safe for the whole college community, in line with latest Government and Public Health England guidance. We will continue to take decisions in the best interests of our learners and staff, working with you and keeping you informed every step of the way.

You may also have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms will be conducted in all secondary schools who opt to participate next term. We will be sharing further information regarding testing at LINK19 College early next week.

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I hope that the information in this letter is helpful, but if you have any questions, please email enquiries@link19college.ac.uk

If you would like to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have, please do not hesitate to contact The LINK Centre on Monday 4th January 2021 from 8am, where a member of staff will be able to discuss these further with you.

In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year. Please do continue to take care and stay safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DMoore", written over a horizontal line.

Miss Denise Moore
Head of LINK19 College