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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. I am writing to give you an update of where we are with regard to Osborne College since the recent Covid outbreak just before the half term holiday.

As I am sure you are aware any positive cases of Covid are reported to Public Health and if you are a special school these are escalated to the Health Protection Team for your region. The Health Protection Team praised the school for the measures we had in place to lessen the risks of Covid, however they cannot be mitigated completely. As with any situation a risk assessment needs to be undertaken to see how we can enhance the measures we have put in place. I have been doing this on a daily basis both during the half term period and since returning to school. I have also worked closely with the LA.

The following measures are now being implemented, or have already been put in place, and are in addition to those already listed, and actioned, on the main school risk assessment.

Risk	Measure to mitigate the risk
Too many adults in one building	Reduced the number of adults in the building, by occupying 3 rooms in the main school building
Ventilation is not efficient in the smaller classrooms of the building	The windows in the small classrooms have been inspected and the LA have agreed to replace these with windows that open to improve the ventilation. This will be carried out as soon as possible. The rooms will be out of action for teaching students until the windows have been replaced
Too many adults (including adult students) sharing the same space at lunchtimes	Only a quarter of the students will now have their lunch in the shared space and the rest will have their lunch in the classrooms
Mixing of students from different class groups for Sport and Recreation (including QE2) and Options	Options will not be available for this academic year. In line with government guidance, there will be an equivalent vocational course offered in lieu of this

A further measure, which is out of our control, are visits to the QE2 Activity Centre where we cannot attend during national lockdown. When we are allowed to return we will not be able to take the same groups. Sparsholt College have also said that we are not able to attend until further notice due to their own risk assessments.

For those of you who have supported us in keeping your young people at home on a rota basis, I would like to thank you for doing this and for your ongoing understanding. In the light of the new measures outlined above, you will be pleased to hear that I am now able to release a further room in the main school allowing those students to return to College, from Wednesday 18 November, on a full time basis. I would be grateful if you could make transport aware of this situation.

I do hope that this will provide for a settled few weeks in the run up to the Christmas break but cannot rule out the possibility of further changes should the national situation change.

Please do not hesitate in contacting the school should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Sonia White
Headteacher