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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support in making sure all Park students returned to school last half term. It has been a very different start to the school year with lots of new routines to get used to everyone, but we have done it and students and staff have adjusted very well.

Congratulations to our new head students and senior prefects. All those who applied, presented with true passion for Park. More on this in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your responses to last week's survey. This was very helpful and we have used this to review the areas identified.

You told us that almost all of your children feel happy to be in school and safe. Zone school and staggered breaks and lunches continue to be key ways you have identified as helping with this. We asked you whether you would prefer students to wear masks in corridors. Most of you told us you were happy with current routines in school and didn't want them changed. Therefore, we will not be changing this at the moment. Students who wish to wear masks are welcome to do so, but others do not have to at the moment. This may change if government guidance changes or our area moves into Tier 2 or 3.

We are pleased to hear that almost all students have been accessing their homework and remote learning on-line. Thank you very much for supporting your children with this and downloading the INSIGHT app.

Some of you told us that the use of INSIGHT and Teams can be confusing, you also said it was not always showing that homework was completed by your child. After half term we will make sure all homework is on INSIGHT - this is the place where everything can be found. If students need to look at other areas too this will always be linked in INSIGHT so that you can access everything from one place. We will also aim to ensure homework that is completed shows as such as soon as possible.

Thank you for the positive feedback on the fortnightly newsletters, these will continue to be a key way in which we keep you up to date and share learning with you.

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If you raised a point relating to an individual child and you have not already been contacted this week, this will happen straight after half term.

A reminder that the Munch fridge and freezer are available for anyone in need over half term. School meal prices will be changing to reflect the increase in the price of the value of a free school meal from £2.40 to £2.50 from the start of November.

Finally, Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you:

*Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level. We need **your help** to stop the spread of the virus, so please continue following national public health guidance this half term. Remember 'hands, face, space' and the Rule of 6: which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors. Let's all work together to Keep Hampshire Safe.*

A public health guidance poster from Hampshire County Council. At the top left, it says 'Keep Hampshire SAFE' with a small leaf icon. Next to it is a dark blue box with 'Have a safe half-term' in white, and below that, a smaller box with 'Remember:'. The Hampshire County Council logo is at the top right. The main body is split into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Rule of Six', shows a group of six stylized people. The right panel, titled 'Hands, Face, Space', shows a hand being washed, a face mask, and two people with a double-headed arrow between them indicating distance. At the bottom left, a box states 'Current alert level in Hampshire: Medium'.

We would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday, 2 November. Please help your child prepare for another successful half term by ensuring they have their student planner, books and equipment with them so they are ready to learn.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Anders'.

Christopher Anders
Headteacher

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Head of School