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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see our students and staff back in school, despite the stormy weather that we have had this week. I have been impressed with the way that the students have returned from the holiday, getting back to their learning and enjoying school life. It has been good to see so many students returning to school in the correct uniform and I would urge all students to come to school properly attired and ready for the day.

We are looking forward to hosting CTY (the Centre for Talented Youth) this weekend. On Saturday they are presenting online at a Teachers' Workshop for our staff, organised by Mr. Papadopoulos, our GT coordinator who is also going to present an interactive workshop. Also presenting at the event will be Mr. Panagiotis Antoniou, the president of the Educational Service Committee, who will be discussing the importance of supporting gifted and talented students within the school environment. On Sunday we will be hosting the CTY assessments for students. Many thanks to Mr. Papadopoulos and Mrs. Pittas on behalf of the Inclusion Department for organising this for the staff and students.

Covid-19 Protocols

As the Covid-19 protocols have changed during the holidays, I would like to update you on the requirements.

All students in the Senior School:

- If they are unvaccinated then they require a rapid test every 72 hours
- If they have a covid recovery certificate from within the last 6 months or they are vaccinated with 2 or 3 doses then their SafePass is valid without the need for further rapid tests.

Please note that this is a change for those students aged 18 or over, they no longer need to have a rapid test every 48 hours, instead they need one every 72 hours.

The dates for the rapid testing unit in school for January are as follows:

- Monday 17th January
- Thursday 20th January
- Wednesday 26th January

This means that students who require a rapid test for their SafePass will need to have a test during the weekends of 22nd/23rd January and 29th/30th January.

The guidelines for close contacts will be changing on Monday as follows:

All students, regardless of their vaccination status or covid recovery status, will be required to have a rapid test every day for 5 days. They will be able to attend school during this time only if their test

comes back negative. At the moment this new rule only applies to students. These measures are always subject to change, and we will be in touch if this changes.

The rules for adults remain as follows:

- Unvaccinated people will need to isolate for 14 days or have a PCR test with a negative result on the 7th day following your contact to be released from isolation early.
- If you have had 2 doses of the vaccine or have recovered from Covid in the last 6 months then you do not need to isolate but you will need to take a rapid test on the 3rd and 5th day following your contact.
- If you have had 3 doses of the vaccine, then you do not need to isolate but it is recommended that you have a rapid test on the 3rd and 5th day following your contact to be safe.

If you require any further information regarding the Covid protocols please feel free to contact our school nurse, Ms. Katerina Kastana Demetriou at ss_nurse@tjss.ac.cy

Buses

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that it is **mandatory** for all students who use the school buses to wear a mask all the time during the journey. The drivers are subject to a heavy fine if any of their passengers are not wearing their masks and they reserve the right to refuse to transport students who do not follow the protocols about mask wearing.

As always, I wish you all a good weekend!

Kind Regards,

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Acting Senior School Headteacher / Principal

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