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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is an end of week update. Since Thursday last week (17/09) we have had one confirmed case of Coronavirus in a student, news which came through to us on Monday. This individual is unrelated to those associated with the 18th Birthday Party and it remains, to our knowledge, an isolated case. This was the first time we had to deal with a case where a student had attended during the 'normal' timetable and it involved isolating individuals from three classes – a total of 16 students plus one social contact have been quarantined.

Now we are two weeks on from Welcome Days (where a number of positive cases were in college on the same day) and we can confidently say there was no onward transmission to those in the classrooms, to those who had to isolate or to others around the college. This should give us confidence, but we must maintain caution and thus distancing at all times. If distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings still need to be worn around the site.

Having nearly completed the second week of teaching, we've been delighted to see the college full again. We're loving getting to know our first year students and seeing the second years back in again. Students continue to handle this all brilliantly and we look forward to launching our clubs and societies with them in the week after next via our 'virtual fresher's' events. Despite the restrictions, we are committed to providing as much of a 'normal' college experience as possible and hope students are able to engage with areas that interest them.

For parent/carers of first year students, we just wanted to let you know that we have had to slightly delay our Meet the Tutor Evenings which are now scheduled for Wednesday 14 October and Thursday 22 October. Our Student Services department will send full details early next week regarding the arrangements for these evenings. I would also like to invite you to add a date to your diary, as we are very pleased to offer an additional New Parents & Carers Information webinar with our Senior Management Team on Thursday 8 October; further details coming soon.

Thanks again to everyone for your efforts to keep BHASVIC open.

Best wishes,

William Baldwin
Principal