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Dear Parent/Carer

After-school Enrichment Sessions

I am delighted to inform you that we received further clarification yesterday that we will now be able to resume after-school enrichments from Monday 9 November 2020.

Initial guidance from the Department of Education indicated all Enrichment had to be cancelled, this was not an Outwood Trust or academy decision; national unions sought further clarification yesterday which resulted in the decision allowing after-school Enrichments to go ahead.

Our staff, who are working in challenging circumstances, appreciate the positive support and understanding they have received from parents and carers; in times of national difficulties you cannot underestimate the impact this has. I would like to personally thank all the parents and carers who support the efforts of staff at the academy, staff are doing their absolute best in a school environment that has changed significantly.

I would like to take the opportunity to highlight a few points of importance:

- Our updated risk assessment is available to view on the academy website.
- To promote good ventilation we have windows vents open in classrooms which may make it a little colder in classrooms, therefore students will be allowed to wear a black jumper under their blazer and wear a coat in classrooms if they wish, however no scarfs, hats or gloves may be worn inside.
- As I mentioned in my October half-term newsletter, high expectations and standards are important across all areas including uniform, please ensure your child is in the correct uniform; **NO HOODIES** are allowed in the academy. Please support the academy with our high expectations.

I believe our maintaining the usual school structure offers our students certainty in uncertain times, building their resilience and supporting their overall wellbeing. I hope all our students and their families keep safe and in good health during this time.

Yours faithfully



Seana Rice
Principal