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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are two weeks into the new academic year and I am really enjoying my time here and the welcome that staff and students have given me.

Our new concept of a Fortis Academy, comprising Foundation Academy and Senior Academy, seems to be working well. The children I have spoken to are liking their new school.

You may have heard that this week we had to send home Year 8 students and a small group of Year 10 students due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 within school and in response to the guidance and advice from Public Health England. This is unfortunate, as is the case in a number of other Birmingham schools, and we very much welcome our students' return when their period of self-isolation ends.

I have been pleased with the standard of uniform and the spirit of co-operation of our young people with wearing face coverings and adhering to social distancing measures, which I hope translates into the school staying open for all other year groups.

Please be re-assured that we continue to work hard to keep school a safe environment and for students to enjoy their learning and be productive. As mentioned in previous correspondence if you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please contact e.mallett@fortis.shaw-education.org.uk or t.murray@fortis.shaw-education.org.uk.

May I remind you of the resources communicated in our previous letter of 2 September 2020. If there are anxieties about returning to school please follow the **#you'vebeenmissed** campaign and use some of the wonderful resources that are available. These can be found at <https://bwc.nhs.uk/youve-been-missed>.

Next week I am pleased to announce the re-introduction of EDGE form time so that every student will have the opportunity to see their Form Tutor on a daily basis. Students in Foundation Academy will be following a rich curriculum entitlement whilst still maintaining a safe environment for learning.

Yours faithfully

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