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Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parent,

I write with an update on our games provision and what next term may hold. This term we have taken a more flexible approach to the delivery of games. We have allowed greater choice of sport and have kept coaching in year groups with slightly less emphasis on team preparation. It is our intention to continue with this programme next term unless the national picture changes and allows greater freedom to play sport, at which stage we will adapt quickly.

Because we were not raising teams for fixtures this term we took a slightly different approach to our sport with the emphasis on safety, fun, physical conditioning, leadership, wellbeing, engagement, learning life lessons and collaboration. These principles have always been at the very heart of our program and I feel have provided an excellent experience in these challenging times. We have expanded the number and breadth of lunchtime clubs and, where possible, have restarted other sports opportunities. Some have been a little start-stop-start but that has always been in response to the changing national circumstance. We have also staged an increased number of inter-house sports events and inter-age groups events.

We continue to monitor the picture nationally and are mindful of advice from national governing bodies, the department for education, the department for culture, media and sport, and various P.E. and sporting organisations. We have the intention to host fixtures against other schools when practical and safe to do so. Our Heads of sport continue to pencil in fixtures with other schools for the next two terms for all age groups, but we will follow the guidelines in place at the time and as they may change. We will continue to stage various in-school competitions to help provide variety and a competitive opportunity.

I have been extremely pleased with the manner and engagement of the students in the programme and their enthusiasm and enjoyment has been wonderful to see. We are continually learning from this experience and some of what has been put in place, I am sure, will continue to develop and be retained as we take positive steps back towards a more conventional program. We will continue to try and provide the very best opportunities we can for each individual.

Yours sincerely,

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