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Dear Parents/Carers and students

I am pleased to say that with your support the attendance this term has been very good and is currently several percent above the national and the county values. We have been pleased with the maturity and care shown by our students in school. It has been, and remains, a challenging time but, thanks to your support, the hard work of all the staff, and the consideration of students it has ('touch wood') gone smoothly.

It is important that students maintain their social distance please, particularly when travelling to and from school and passing other people. Out of school, they need to follow the new restrictions regarding not meeting their friends, apart from the opportunity to meet a single friend outside linked to exercising. I would be grateful if parents would help with a reminder of that information.

Please could I remind parents to make appointments to see a member of staff so that we don't have people waiting in reception. If you are dropping off a mask or something else for a student please label it and use the drop-box located in reception.

Our Chair of Governors, Mike Duff, has completed six years as a Governor and four years as our Chair of Governors. He has done an amazing job leading the Governors in determining the strategic direction of the school, holding our work to account and being supportive, all at the same time. He has supported school events, chaired meetings in a friendly and inclusive style, and been a great ambassador for KKS. Mike is stepping down as Chair of Governors and from being a Governor. On behalf of the whole school, 'Thank you, Mike'. I am pleased to inform you that the new Chair of Governors is Mrs Sally Parnaby. Sally has been a Governor at KKS for two years and previously chaired the Curriculum sub-committee.

The school has added new resources onto the school website for parents and students about 'Wellbeing'; the link to these resources is detailed below. I hope that you find it helpful.

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/wellbeing/573254.html>

The Sixth Form Virtual Open Event is now available - slightly earlier than forecast. It can be accessed on the website or from this link:

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/SixthFormVirtualOpenEvening/570479.html>

I hope things are going as well as possible for you all. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hyman
Headteacher

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