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Good Afternoon

I trust my email finds everyone in our community safe and well. I am delighted with the start the students have made to this term. The positive approach and attitude they are showing to their studies should be commended. As you will have seen from Mrs Jenner's recent communication in the [RVHS Bulletin](#) we have a number of safety measures and new procedures in place to support the safe running of the school, designed to keep everyone in our community safe and well. Students have had to adapt quickly to a new way of working.

I would like to draw your attention to the updated [Addendum to Behaviour Policy September 2020](#). In light of the change in Government Guidelines regarding face coverings, it has had to be amended. We have also updated the section "Investigations/Isolations." In this section you will see that we have had to make the decision that in order for students to be out of circulation while an incident is investigated, we may ask students to work from home or be collected early by a parent/carer. Formerly we may have isolated the student on our school site, but as we are working hard to avoid 'bubbles' mixing, this may prove very difficult. A student being asked to work at home would not indicate guilt or fault.

While we have returned to school, I am aware that families are still dealing with difficult situations as a result of the pandemic. Please do remember the [Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Support](#) website has a wealth of useful contacts and support groups that you may wish to explore. The [Bereavement Support](#) page is particularly helpful.

I have also been informed that [3food4u.org](#) launches in Loughton on the 29th September, based at The Loughton Club on Station Road. They already also provide a service in Waltham Abbey and North Weald. They do not require you to complete an assessment and you do not need to be referred – you can just drop in and collect the basic grocery essentials for you and your family.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my team, if you require support or guidance with anything. This week's assembly for our students was all about "it's ok to not be ok" and what students should do if they feel they need some support. We asked a number of staff to discuss their own fears and anxieties and how they deal with them. Please discuss this with your children. The feedback from them so far has been very positive. Do remind them that we have the iamnotok@rodingvalley.net email address if they are not sure who to talk to and need some help.

Kind Regards

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