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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the break with your families and that you are all refreshed for the weeks ahead. This half term is a busy but exciting one, with the run up to Christmas, Year 11 trial examinations and the school show 'The Dreaming' coming soon. We will be keeping you up to date with all of our activities with our Coleshill Update, which will be personalised to your child's year group and emailed out once per half term. Please do also keep an eye on our Twitter and Facebook pages for photos and news stories about the fabulous things our children are involved in every day.

In school today all students in Years 7 – 11 have had a special assembly about student safety and our new 'no touching policy'. Please don't be alarmed, we are not one of those schools who intend to ban all physical contact, but we are defining this as **touching which is overly boisterous, unwanted/dangerous or could lead to retaliation**. As our school grows we have a duty to ensure that our children are comfortable when moving around the school and that social areas stay safe and we hope that this new policy, which has been carefully explained to staff and students alike, will achieve this goal.

As with any rules there must be sanctions and we have outlined these to students today. In the first week, while students adjust to the change, all staff will consistently verbally challenge behaviour which contravenes the policy. After this initial settling in period the sanction for touching - which is overly boisterous, unwanted/dangerous or could lead to retaliation - will be an immediate break and/or lunchtime detention, about which you will be informed. In order to keep our children safe it may be necessary to impose a 'lunchtime exclusion' on persistent offenders. This would involve the parent/carer removing their child from school site at lunch time, every day, for a fixed period.

I thank you as always in anticipation of your support for our behaviour policy, which is designed to ensure that your children are safe and happy at school in an environment where they are able to learn effectively.

Yours faithfully

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