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Dear Parents

Just a quick amendment and clarification to the email update I sent yesterday.

Firstly, I inadvertently wrote that we will update student attendance records to "Unexplained Absence" if parents and guardians let us know their child is ill or unable to participate in remote learning for other reasons. I meant to write that we would update records to a form of "Explained Absence" (not "Unexplained" as I mistakenly wrote).

I also wish to clarify the request I made that students do not participate in Google Meets from bed and in pyjamas or other "unusual forms of casual dress." Our concerns around this are related to ergonomic issues that might arise if students are sitting up in bed and working for prolonged periods, and that some students have occasionally appeared on camera in bed only partially dressed. This has caused awkwardness for their teachers and classmates. A broader student wellbeing concern for me at this time is the importance of trying to maintain some form of daily routine (as much as possible at least) during this period of lock-down. Nevertheless, I acknowledge that access to suitable study areas in many houses is not easy at this time and that parents are best placed to make decisions about their children's routines. Again, I am grateful for all that our CSC parents are doing to support Remote Learning, often under very difficult personal circumstances, and I urge parents to let us know if there is more we can be doing to support you.

Yours sincerely

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