**Phone Meeting with Vicki Tranter Safeguarding 24/02/21**

* There have been no critical incidents. Some students have been hospitalised but in no greater numbers than in other years.
* There have been up to 11 students in at any one time before the return for all students on March 8th. The largest numbers are on Monday and Friday.
* Support has gone out to families where necessary and contact with Social Services has been good.
* Vicki thought some students would struggle with the return to school and with wearing masks.
* As mask wearing may well be here for a long time she felt it was part of learning for life and so students needed to be helped and encouraged with it.
* Students are constantly given ways to cope with anxiety so may have more strategies that can be encouraged than students in main stream who have developed anxiety during this time.
* Some students have struggled with on line learning for various reasons ; others have found it really helpful.
* Students have become more involved in meetings concerning them when they have been able to join on line as it is less threatening and they feel more in control.
* It is important to keep those things that have proved helpful during lockdown and hopefully in the future there will be a ‘mixed economy’ in the way students are taught and engage with services.
* Carol and Vicki have been on on line training and are looking at staff well being using a private Google classroom group Clare O’Meara is working on this to prepare for full time return to work.

Maureen Bowsley (Safeguarding Governor)