



28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Face coverings in school**

Due to a recent change in medical advice related to the transmission of Covid-19, the Department for Education has issued new guidance around the wearing of face coverings in schools. Schools and colleges have been given the discretion to require face coverings in communal areas, if they believe that it is right in their particular circumstance.

As you will appreciate, each school has its own geography and no two contexts are the same. In our school, we have created a zoned system which means each year group can remain within its own “bubble”. However, as an additional measure to further minimise the transmission of the virus, we are asking that all students and staff wear a face covering in corridors, staircases and dining areas where social distancing cannot be fully maintained. Should there be a spike in infections and local lockdown restrictions are imposed, please note that this will be mandatory unless an individual has an exemption as defined in the guidance around those who are exempt from wearing face coverings in public buildings.

All face coverings should be stored in a sealable plastic bag when not in use. Should an individual wear a face covering whilst travelling to school, they should use a different one whilst in the school building to minimise any potential for transmission of the virus. In practical terms within the school building, we will ask students to use hand sanitiser as they leave a classroom or office prior to adorning their face covering, then again just after they have removed and stored it as they enter a different classroom or office. Students will be supported in this with sensitivity.

Please feel reassured that this is a cautious approach to further minimise any risk to students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher.

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