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24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Face Masks in School**

As we have seen a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in the UK in the last week and in line with recent guidance, we have decided to make changes to our expectation on wearing face masks within school for both staff and students.

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020, **the wearing of face masks will be compulsory** when entering/exiting school site, moving around the school and in the year group zones, in communal areas and in situations where students and staff are not able to adequately socially distance from each other. Students will not be required to wear face masks during lessons.

Please note the following:

- We believe that most staff and young people will now have access to face coverings due to their increasing use in wider society and so should have access to them to wear in school.
- Where anybody is struggling to access a face covering, or where they are unable to use their face covering due to having forgotten it or it having become soiled or unsafe, we will have a small contingency supply available to meet such needs.
- No-one will be excluded from school on the grounds that they are not wearing a face covering.
- The school recognises that some individuals are [exempt from wearing face coverings](#). For example, people with an impairment, or disability, or if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate. The same exemptions will apply in school, and we expect teachers and other staff to be sensitive to those needs. Children who are not wearing a mask will be challenged, so please ensure that you contact the school to make the pastoral team aware if your child falls into one of the categories above.

The cooperation of all members of the school community is very important to ensure that we are all working to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. We appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely

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