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Dear Parent / Carer

In our last letter we strongly encouraged all students to wear face coverings, in line with what the World Health Organisation had advised. At the time of writing the DFE guidance was clear that masks were not required in school settings. Last night the DFE changed their guidance and approach to face coverings in secondary schools.

The new guidance can be found [here](#)

Essentially schools in areas that have high incidences of the virus or government intervention such as a local lockdown should insist that all students wear face coverings in:

- Communal spacings
- Corridors
- Any other areas that social distancing can not be maintained
- The guidance currently does not extend into their use in classrooms.

This guidance does not come into effect until the 1st September and further detail will be released shortly by the DFE.

In light of this development and the changing approach across the UK our stance remains as previously stated, even though we are not in a lockdown area. We feel our close proximity to the Leicester lockdown zone, compels us to follow the new guidance. Therefore we are asking the following:

- Face coverings to be worn on all public transport and service buses at all times
- Face coverings to be worn in corridors at all times - students will be requested to put these on in their designated holding bays
- Face coverings to be worn in communal areas - Library, Study Rooms, P16 Common room and when entering toilets
- Face coverings to be worn whilst queuing in the dining hall
- Within lessons we will not insist on their use at this time, students are free to wear them should they wish

Please could we also reiterate that masks should be plain, non-branded, non-offensive. Should you have any issues with sourcing appropriate masks the school will support where possible.

When further guidance has been released we will update you on any changes to our approach.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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