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Dear Parents/Carers,

From the outset of reopening we have been clear in our intent to offer a broad and balanced curriculum, so as not to disadvantage students especially those undertaking GCSE and A-level courses. There has been a varied approach to the continuation of practical subjects across the country but as a campus we felt that these subjects were vitally important and that students should not miss out on them due to the value and richness they add to our curriculum.

Each practical area has often been subject to its own separate safety guidance agreed by the professional bodies and associations that oversee each area and there are differences between these and their approaches. As with all guidance we will make sure what we do in school reflects the most up to date guidance to keep your children and our community safe.

Many of these areas such as ADT, Food Tech and Science have asked that students wear face covering during practicals due to the movement around the room and the possibility of contacts between students since we have returned. These contacts may also occur within other subject areas as students enter rooms etc. but would always be within the same bubble.

As an additional safety measure we are asking that all students wear face coverings as directed by the member of staff when undertaking practical lessons. Clearly this would not be appropriate in PE lessons, hence it will be the teacher who indicates when they should be worn and in which practical lessons.

This is an additional measure to keep your child, our staff and the wider community safe and I hope that you understand the rationale behind this request. As has always been the case, any students who are exempt on medical grounds will not be requested to wear one.

Please contact the school should you have any further questions.

Will Teece
Headteacher