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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: COVID Update

I am pleased that our young people continue to respond extremely well to the Covid protocols that we have put in place. We remain guided by Public Health England but it is only through us all working together that we can operate safely and maintain a happy, positive learning environment. Again I thank you for your support.

As the National Lockdown continues we are strictly implementing the current measures. Your cooperation with this is very much appreciated. In particular, I wish to remind parents that it is imperative that **children who are unwell should not come to school**. We must maintain a school environment that is as Covid safe as possible.

Students in the secondary phase are required to wear face masks when moving around inside the school buildings. This is an additional level of protection in place to keep everyone safe. There is no requirement to wear a mask when outside but children can do so if they wish. It is very important that students manage their masks hygienically. When not in use masks should be stored in a bag and not left around on desks. It is recommended that masks are washed each day after use.

Some people are exempt from wearing face masks because of a medical condition or disability. The school is sensitive to those circumstances. We ask that you provide your child with a note where this applies.

It is not currently a requirement for children to wear masks in classrooms, but they can do so if they choose. I understand that the government are in consultation with Public Health England and may decide to enforce the wearing of masks in lessons if they consider it necessary.

The cold weather will soon be upon us. It remains important to maintain good ventilation throughout the school so we ask that children are prepared for this. We recommend the wearing of additional layers and that students come to school with a coat. This will help them remain comfortable if the conditions are chilly.

Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time. Together we can look forward to brighter times and help our young people to continue with their learning throughout the pandemic.

Kind regards

Janis Davies
Principal