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Dear Parent/Carer,

Can I start by thanking all of our students for coming back to school this week in such a positive and mature manner. It has been really fantastic to see the students again and, as always, they have risen to the challenges that the new term has brought, and responded to the new systems that are in place.

Now we are back in school, we want to outline a change that we will be making in the school from Monday regarding face masks. Taking into account the national picture, with regards to the Prime Ministers' announcement on Wednesday, and our local context, as a school in an area of high risk, we have made the following decision.

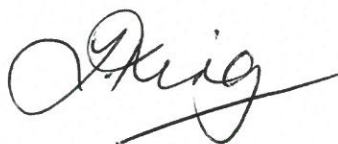
- As of Monday we will be asking students to wear face masks in school when they are moving between lessons and when they are not in their own 'bubbled' social spaces.
- We would like all students to be wearing a face mask when they arrive to school until they have reached their 'bubbled' social space.
- At the end of every lesson, end of break/lunch, end of the day students will be asked to put their masks on until they have reached their classroom, or 'bubbled' social space.
- The bus companies/taxis have also requested that on all routes they would like students to be wearing face masks.

We would suggest pupils have at least 2 masks. That way they can be washed regularly. It is important that reusable face masks are kept clean, because although virus particles may not be seen, they could linger for a longer time on fabric and cloth material, causing the risk of transmission both to other surfaces or other people to be higher.

If for any reason you do not believe that your son/daughter should be wearing a face mask due to health, or other reasons, then please let the school know and we will issue an exemption.

We hope that you will agree this is a sensible measure. Even with a one way system, and 'bubbled' areas of the school, we are unable to stop the crossing of year groups at certain points of the day and this measure would add a layer of security that we feel is necessary to keep students and staff as safe as possible

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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