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HHS Parent Letter



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Dear Parent

Further to my letter to you last Friday, you may well be aware that there has since been some guidance provided to schools with regard to the imminent reopening of schools this week. The main element of this guidance was to recommend that students in secondary schools wear face coverings in classrooms for a limited period of time, until 26 January.

Following consultation with our local Public Health teams and, along with all other secondary schools in our area, **we will be acting upon this guidance and asking all of our students to wear a suitable face covering in classrooms as well as in communal areas around the school site.** We recognise that this is a big ask of our students but know that they will rise to this challenge as they have done with everything else they have been required to do during this pandemic.

This request also extends to all forms of public transport including the school buses.

We know that there are some students that are exempt from wearing face coverings and so those students will be provided with an exemption card that they should carry at all times for ease of identification. Staff will work with students sympathetically to ensure that they can comply with this request whilst also ensuring that those undertaking tasks where a face covering would be impractical can continue to learn as well as keep each other safe e.g. PE, drama, dance etc.

We strongly urge your support with the implementation of this and ask that you discuss the rationale for this with your child as well as providing them with suitable face coverings for school. If we identify students that are persistently refusing to cooperate with this request, we will contact parents and seek to resolve the issue in an amicable manner for all parties.

Once again, many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr V Groak
Headteacher

