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Dear Parent/Carer,

Face Covering - Updated information

You received information this morning around the schools approach to face coverings, **this has now changed.**

After receiving information from the Director of Public Health, I am informing you now that **face masks will be compulsory for some areas / parts of the school day.** This rule will be for all pupils from year 5 through to year 8.

From Tuesday 1st September, we will introduce the following school expectations for staff and pupils;

- Staff and pupils **will be** expected to wear masks when moving between classrooms in corridors and in halls and communal areas at break
- Staff and pupils will **not** be required to wear face masks in classrooms, as other measures have been put in place to reduce the risk of infection. These include pupils being in their bubbles, regular sanitisation, two metre zone between staff and pupils and forward facing seating
- Staff and pupils will be expected to **use their own** masks they already own for use in shops and on public transport. The schools will retain a small stock of masks for those times when a mask is lost, damaged or forgotten

The only exception to these may be pupils who may have a medical need. We will have individual conversations with families if they feel their child may fit this category.

It is important to note that coronavirus (COVID-19) needs to be managed through a system of control including social distancing, high standards of hand hygiene, increased surface cleaning, bubbles and other measures such as using screens to separate people from each other.

The page attached, gives guidance on how to use face coverings effectively.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Newport
Headteacher

