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Dear Parent/Carer

Face Masks

Given that the current Covid-19 pandemic shows no signs of abating any time soon and given that Preston is now in the highest tier of restrictions, the wearing of face masks in school is going to be a relatively long-term requirement. I would therefore ask that when we return from half term on 2nd November, **all students** (unless medically exempt) bring with them their own face mask, preferably the washable variety.

We would respectfully encourage you to move away from the disposable, paper variety of face masks as we are finding that some students do not take ownership of them and discard them without any thought. We are receiving regular complaints from local residents about face masks ending up in their gardens and I'm sure you'll agree that apart from not being environmentally friendly, it is extremely wasteful and an unpleasant task for a householder to have to undertake in terms of picking them up. A washable face mask is far more cost-effective, comfortable and can easily be cleaned and re-used.

We will no longer be selling disposable face masks as a matter of course moving forwards and for the foreseeable future a face mask is now regarded as an essential item of school uniform. Anyone breaching this uniform requirement will be issued with a C1.

Thanking you in advance for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Asquith
Headteacher



