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Dear Head Teacher, Chair of Governors, Parent/Carer,

## **Additional measures in schools**

The national increase in COVID-19 transmission rates is well documented, and although we are not subject to a local lockdown, Cheshire West and Chester is experiencing a significant increase in positive cases within the community. In response to this increase in cases we are putting in place a range of local interventions to try to prevent any further spread of the virus.

In partnership with the Education Department, I am recommending the introduction of some additional precautionary measures in schools from Monday 28 September 2020. These measures include:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises including outdoor yard areas.
- Parents/carers to arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/collecting their child – please do not congregate and maintain social distancing as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person.
- In schools where it has been agreed that a parent/carers can enter the school premises for drop off and pick up, only one adult should enter.
- All staff to wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground during drop off and pick up times.
- Young people to avoid congregating outside school and mixing with other schools and go directly home.

The requirement for all adults and pupils to wear face covering in all communal areas (except those who are exempt) in secondary schools is still not mandatory in Cheshire West and Chester secondary schools, because we are not subject to a local lockdown. However,



I would like to strongly recommend that all secondary school leaders who have not yet introduced them, to consider their introduction.

The co-operation of all staff, parents/carers, children and young people adhering to these additional measures is paramount to us successfully reducing the transmission of the virus locally.

You have all done amazing work, acting as one community team to help reduce the risk of further spread. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and continued commitment during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Ashworth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Ian Ashworth**  
**Director of Public Health**