

21st September 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

As you will know, in my plans to reopen school in September the wearing of face coverings was optional for staff and pupils in school. Further guidance published on Sunday relating to the tighter restrictions in Lancashire means that face coverings will now need to be worn in certain situations in school from tomorrow, Tuesday 22nd September. These situations are where pupils and staff are moving around school and where social distancing may be more difficult.

Please will you ensure that your child has a suitable plain blue or black face covering with them when they attend school on Tuesday together with a plastic bag for storage. The medical mask type face coverings are also permissible. We do have a small supply of these in school for any pupil who cannot provide their own in the short term but would ask you to purchase a suitable face covering as described above over the course of this week.

We have plenty of hand sanitiser locations available in school and are increasing the number overnight. However, if you have individual bottles of sanitiser which your child could bring in for their personal use that would help us facilitate the safe wearing of face coverings.

I would therefore be grateful if you could organise for your child to arrive in school on Tuesday morning with their face covering on and go as usual to their allocated outdoor space. They should keep their face covering on until they have been collected and taken to their form room. We will explain to pupils during form time how and when they should use their face covering in school.

I apologise for the short notice of these arrangements, but we are working to the government guidance as and when it is published. This sometimes leaves us very tight deadlines to get new systems organised.

Please be assured, we will work with you to see that these new guidelines can be implemented smoothly, so please get in touch if you have any concerns. I am also aware that some members of our community will be exempt from wearing face coverings. If you believe this is the case for your child, please get in touch with school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Dr Nick Walmsley
Principal

