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Dear Parent/Carer

My apologies for writing to you on a Sunday, but the Director of Public Health Lancashire released a statement very late on Friday with the following advice to Lancashire Headteachers:

‘I am writing to advise that your students and staff should continue to wear face coverings despite restrictions relaxing nationally next week.

As you will be aware, we are concerned locally about the spread across the region of the variant of global concern that was first detected in India. This step would be a prudent one that will help reduce outbreaks in schools and colleges, and help ensure you can stay open.’

Having given this much consideration, and having consulted over the weekend with the Trust, and with other Fylde and Wyre Headteachers, I have decided that it is indeed the prudent thing to do to follow this guidance. As a result, we will continue to have the same expectations of mask wearing in classrooms (and elsewhere) from tomorrow as we have really successfully employed, thanks to you and your amazing children, over the last few weeks.

I realise that this will be disappointing news for some, but I think it is very much the right thing to do for now, and we will continue to monitor the guidance and review the situation at half term.

Very best wishes and continue to stay safe,

Alasdair Ashcroft
Headteacher