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Dear Parent/Carer

As I'm sure you'll be aware, we go into this weekend knowing that we will be placed under tighter lockdown measures early next week.

As such, being in an area where transmission of the virus is high and where tighter government measures are in place, the use of face coverings will now become mandatory for all pupils and staff in school from Monday.

I have made it clear to all in our assembly today, when and where such face masks must be worn, but in essence, this will be on arrival to school, on school and public transport, in communal areas when not eating or drinking, between lessons and on leaving school at the end of the day.

It will not include in classrooms during lessons, where the government says they could "inhibit learning". However, should individuals wish to wear masks in lessons, they will be supported and encouraged to do so.

Appropriate adjustments to this may be made for those who might have difficulty wearing a mask following discussions with a relevant member of staff.

All pupils, therefore, must continue to bring with them their plain face mask from Monday and wear it as outlined.

As ever, any breach of our Covid-Secure arrangements, when failure to adhere to the school's Coronavirus risk assessment and protocols constitutes a threat to the health and safety of others, will be sanctioned in the normal way as part of our behaviour policy in school.

We will continue to educate and remind our young people of their responsibility in keeping all those that they may come into contact with, both at school and in our local community, safe, and I thank you for your continued support in doing this with your own daughters and sons too.

Please remind them too, that they will no longer be able to gather in large groups outside of school, they must continue to wear face masks in local shops and on local buses and they must adhere to social distancing at all times.

We know the Council will be taking several steps to monitor these procedures in the local community and we wouldn't want anyone to find themselves turned away from premises if they are failing to adhere to the requirements.

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Thank you as ever for your continued support of our efforts in trying to control the infection and for our collective responsibility in ensuring the health and well-being of all in our local community.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher

