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Dear Parents

Lockdown Guidance Changes

I appreciate that for many of you conditions at home may be very different once more. In school we have received updated guidance on a couple of important issues.

With regard to the wearing of masks the latest guidance states:-

- “In schools where pupils in Year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises outside of classrooms, such as in corridors, and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained”.
- “Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings and we expect adults and pupils to be sensitive to those needs”.
- “Face coverings should also be worn when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college (Selwood is deemed a Secondary school in such instances)”.

We will be following this guidance from Monday 9 November for Years 6, 7 and 8, as Year 6 move around in the same corridor space albeit at differing times of the day. I ask that you help us in this way by providing a facemask for your child to wear at these times. If your child is exempt for health reasons please inform your child’s tutor. Year 5 guidance has not changed.

Please be reassured this time period will be minimal in our school and will not result in any child wearing a mask for longer than a couple of minutes at any one time.

In addition I need to inform you that as a result of the latest guidance issued to school staff your child may not have all of their regular teachers present in the classroom during the lockdown period. We are working extremely hard to ensure that lessons continue as normal and that children will continue to be able to attend school throughout lockdown.

The academic work will be prepared and assessed by all the teachers who have responsibility for your child’s education, however the supervision of the class and delivery of the lessons in school may be undertaken by different staff during lockdown whilst staff may have to work from home.

Children often find change unsettling and I would really appreciate you discussing how they can be helpful and respectful to all staff in such times. All staff remain contactable through

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the school email system should you have concerns or questions with regard to academic or welfare issues.

Thank you for your understanding and unfailing support, your kind comments have meant so much over this time.

We have been delighted to see the children return this week looking so very smart in their uniforms, thank you so much for your support with this.

Sincere regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hopegood', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Jean Hopegood
Headteacher