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COVID 19 - Updates

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mandatory Face Coverings

Following a significant spike in illness at school and a large rise in COVID cases across Cheshire East, I have taken the decision to return to the compulsory wearing of face coverings in all areas of the school except classrooms. This will come into effect from Monday 11 October and be reviewed as we break for half term on Friday 22 October.

As with previous arrangements during the pandemic, exemption from this will be by written notice from a parent/carer.

General illness and COVID related absence has already started to disrupt attendance at school quite significantly. Although overall attendance at school is in line with attendance at secondary schools nationally, I am taking these steps now to minimise the impact of further missing learning on our students and staff.

Toilets and corridors

In light of the above decision, I will be asking that corridor areas remain fully clear during lesson time. Therefore, only children with a medical needs pass for use of the toilet will be allowed out of classrooms during lesson time. This will allow us to control further mixing in school and allow our cleaning teams to complete extra cleaning of these areas whilst the students are in lessons. This is a key aspect of our revised risk assessment for the coming two weeks.

Vaccinations

COVID 19 vaccinations will be taking place on our site on Monday 11 October (only). All appointment scheduling has been the responsibility of the NHS and all students who have opted to receive the vaccination will have had a communication directly from the local NHS team. We will follow the guidance given to us by the NHS to ensure children are correctly looked after and monitored following the jab, whilst ensuring as little interruption to their normal school day as possible.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J Fraser".

Mr J Fraser
Principal