



Thursday, 20th January

Dear Parent,

Latest Updates Regarding Covid Measures

You may have seen in the national press that the Prime Minister has made an announcement relating to the Plan B restrictions in place to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus. He yesterday announced in parliament that face coverings would no longer be required in classrooms in secondary schools. At the same time as the announcement, schools in the UK received an email and, as such, we apologise for this late notice.

Since the beginning of the pandemic we have tried to take a pragmatic approach to the precautions we take in school. At the moment there are a number of cases of Coronavirus across the school, including some staff. Whilst cover is challenging, it is still manageable. Sadly, this is not the case in some schools in West Lancashire and South Ribble. In many educational settings from nurseries to colleges, case rates are rising and this is posing significant challenges to delivery of face to face education.

With this in mind from Thursday 20 January:

1. Unless there is a pre-agreed medical exemption, students and staff will be expected to wear a mask in communal indoor areas, such as corridors, the PDC, the Dining Room and the Main Hall
2. Students will be expected to wear a mask on dedicated school transport and public transport, unless there is a medical exemption in place
3. Staff will continue to wear a mask or visor inside, including in classrooms.
4. Reflecting upon the advice of the government to 'wear coverings in enclosed or crowded spaces, when meeting strangers,' we strongly encourage students to wear a mask in the classroom until the next point of review. We think that this is a sensible measure to protect each other in health terms and to help to preserve in- person education. However, as previously, this will now be down to individual choice. This hopefully gives us some time for case rates to fall.
5. Twice weekly testing continues as scheduled.

Thank you for your support as we navigate through this next phase of the pandemic. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via enquires@tarletonacademy.org

Yours sincerely,

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