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Dear Parents/Carers,

We warmly welcomed our students back from the autumn break on Monday with the knowledge that we were about to embark on another national lockdown, with the Department for Education issuing updated guidance, which can be found here

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm\\_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19#schools](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19#schools).

Throughout the lockdown students should still attend school. We have been pleased with the procedures implemented within the school over the first term and these will remain largely unchanged with students remaining in their own year group 'bubbles'.

From September at PCS, we implemented the expectation of the wearing of face coverings by students and staff in school. The new guidance states that face coverings should be worn by adults and children aged 11 and above when moving around the school, outside of classrooms or activity rooms, such as in corridors and communal areas, where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

We expect all students and staff to comply with this expectation unless there has been communication with us giving reasons for not doing so. Given the importance of complying with this expectation for the benefit of all within our school community, students will not be allowed in corridors or communal areas unless a face covering is worn unless they are appropriately exempt.

We have been providing in excess of 300 disposable face masks, each week, to students arriving without them. This is not sustainable for the school budget or the environment. Now this has been enforced by the government, students arriving without facemasks will be asked to purchase a reusable face mask, from which we will make a donation to charity. Wearing face masks is an important safety measure that we must implement to reduce the risk of spreading and contracting the virus.

In addition, we will advise students to wear face masks when in lessons, though this is not mandatory at this stage.

We will continue to implement and remind students about the use of hand sanitizers and washing of hands, along with the 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' strategy and use of the one way system implemented within the school. Our dedicated team of cleaners will continue to focus on contact points and are present throughout the school day, ensuring there is a deep clean of all rooms at the end of each day.

As we are in a state of national lockdown we will not be able to allow visitors to attend the school site unless there is a prearranged meeting. We kindly ask that you ensure your child is prepared for the school day, as we will not be able to accept visitors to the school to drop off forgotten items such as equipment or lunches.



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As part of our provision we will still be offering after school catch-up sessions and revision clubs to students. We are also continuing to offer after school clubs for students to enable parents and carers to work.

We would appreciate you speaking with your child about the need to move away from the school site at the end of the school day and not to gather in large numbers on their way home. We will be directing students to go around the Meridian Shopping Centre at the end of the day and to travel directly home.

If students are using public transport to travel to and from school, it will be important for them to use their face masks.

The safety measures that we implemented in term one have been effective in reducing the risk to all of our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Warner-Swann  
Head of School