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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the school has made complex arrangements to ensure that students and staff are as safe as possible upon their return to school.

As an additional aspect to our plans we fully support and strongly encourage the wearing of face masks in communal areas in and around school buildings if and when students move outside of their learning groups.

Whilst the government does not consider this to be strictly necessary, except in areas of local Covid related restrictions, it is our view that it is a sensible precaution to take.

Our policy will be to educate students as to why it is important to wear face masks as opposed to strictly enforcing compliance. This will be alongside other key hygiene measures such as the frequent washing of hands. We consider that building confidence and understanding is the correct approach in the first instance. Students will be regularly reminded to put on their face masks when outside of classrooms and we will routinely monitor compliance and if necessary adapt our approach accordingly.

We would prefer students and staff to refrain from the use of disposable face masks and instead carry with them each day a clean reusable mask which should be taken home at the end of the day. Our preference is that reusable face masks are plain in design and do not contain any motifs or emblems which would be unsuited to a school setting.

There may be some of our SEND students who will require additional help dealing with the practical issues of wearing face masks in school or who are exempt from wearing face coverings due to medical conditions. If you feel that there are specific circumstances relating to your child you wish us to take into account, please contact the school at the earliest opportunity.

We thank all of you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

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