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Dear Parent

Face Masks

Further to my letter last week, we have given further careful consideration to the wearing of face masks as a protective measure in school. Given the busy nature of the school environment and the fact that some corridors and staircases are very narrow, we are going to ask that students and staff wear a face mask when in circulation during the school day. In simple terms, this rule will apply between 8.45am and 3.20pm when students are indoors but not in lessons or when eating / drinking in the dining room. This will include lesson change over, morning break if students choose to remain indoors and when changing for PE lessons. When students are outdoors (for example, on the MUGA during lunchtime) they will not be required to wear a mask.

I understand that there are very mixed views on whether children and adults should wear masks whilst in school. However, we believe it will be in the best interests of the safety and welfare of site users, particularly those who are more vulnerable or have vulnerable relatives. I am also aware that some students will be exempt from wearing a mask, possibly due to an underlying medical condition. If this is the case for your child, could you please write a brief note to the relevant Climate for Learning Leader explaining your circumstances.

I hope you have had the opportunity to purchase a suitable mask for your son / daughter in preparation for his / her return to school. For those who have not yet been able to do so, a limited supply of masks is available at reception for students to use.

I thank you very much in advance for your anticipated support and look forward to seeing your child(ren) return to school during this week.

Yours sincerely

D A Mackenzie
Headteacher

