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Dear Parent

As promised during my end of term letter on 27 May 2021, I am writing to provide a further formbyhighschool.com update on arrangements regarding the wearing of face coverings in school after the half term break. Having consulted with our local Public Health Team and the Headteacher of Range High School during half term, we have decided that staff and students will continue to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal spaces in school and this will be reviewed on a weekly basis. This decision has been taken in light of a continuing concern about infection rates in the Formby area and, in particular, amongst secondary school aged children. I will write to you further regarding the outcome of the review on 11 June 2021 which will, again, be taken in consultation with our local Public Health Team and Range High School.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following important actions which will help the school to mitigate the spread of infection in our community:

- Home (asymptomatic) testing is a vital part of reducing transmission through identification of people carrying the virus without symptoms and it is imperative that students continue with their twice-weekly home testing routine (Sunday and Wednesday evenings). As students do not return to school from half term until Tuesday 8 June, I would ask that they test on Monday 7 June before returning the next day. Please remember that results should be reported both to the NHS and FHS.
- If your child has symptoms it is very important that he/she does not attend school and books a PCR test immediately. He/she should self-isolate, with the rest of household, until the PCR result has been received.
- If your child tests positive you should inform the school immediately using the designated covid19@formbyhighschool.com address which is monitored throughout the school day and out of hours. This is vital to ensure that the school can complete any contact tracing quickly and reduce the risk of further infection. Any positive result returned by LFD (home) test should be followed up by booking a confirmatory PCR test immediately. Self-isolation must, however, begin from the first positive LFD result and only end if the PCR test returns a negative result or your child has completed the full self-isolation period required.

I would like to thank all students and parents for their continued support which has been invaluable throughout this pandemic.

As outlined in my end of term letter, please remember that, commencing Tuesday 8 June (Monday is an INSET day), all students in Years 7-10 will start school at 8.55am with a tutor period (Year 12 students should sign in using the InVentry System in readiness for Period 1) and the school day will end for all at 3:00pm.

Yours sincerely

D A Mackenzie Headteacher











