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Dear Families

Face Mask Update

Firstly, apologies for contacting you during the holidays but I need to communicate an update on the use of face masks. The latest version of the school's guidance released by the government on 6th April requires us to continue with the adaptations we made upon our 8th March return to ensure that we are keeping each other as safe as possible. Face mask wearing is a topic that divides opinion but we feel it is important that we continue to follow the recommended guidance for the temporary period of time outlined in this letter and by the Department for Education. We have been informed that students are to continue with face mask wearing in classrooms until 17th May which is when the government will next review the guidance. The information below serves as a polite reminder to families regarding the expectation and use of face masks and I would be grateful if you could discuss the content of this letter with your child prior to our return.

Face Mask Expectations

- All students should arrive at school with their own face mask.
- All students should put their face mask on when they line up in the morning, after break and after lunch.
- All students should put their face mask on before entering buildings and should have their face mask on whilst inside school.
- All students must wear face masks when moving around the building for lesson changeovers, and in classrooms where they cannot be 2m away from others.
- Face masks do not need to be worn when outside of the premises e.g. lunchtimes.
- Students that are exempt from wearing face coverings should wear their lanyard/carry their exemption card.

I fully appreciate this is not an ideal situation and we understand how difficult this is for some of our students. However, having seen how superbly our students responded since 8th March, when face masks became an expectation in all school buildings/classrooms, I am fully confident that together we will continue to manage this for the short period of time schools are asked to support the Public Health guidance.

Yours faithfully



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