



3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Temporary reintroduction of Face Masks around the school site

Over the past few weeks we have seen an increase in the number of positive Covid cases in our school. At present we have 34 students isolating, across all year groups, because they have tested positive during the half term break or upon return to school.

To help reduce the spread of virus we have reintroduced face coverings for movement around our site and indoor communal areas. The students have responded well to this expectation; however we do understand some students cannot wear masks for medical reasons.

All students have been reminded of the other safety measures we have in place as shown below:

- Hand sanitising on entry and exit to every room
- Cleaning of desks at the end of every lesson
- Good ventilation maintained during lessons
- One way system in place for movement around the school

In addition all students have been reminded of the need to complete two Lateral Flow Tests each week and to remain vigilant for the symptoms of Covid as listed below:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We will monitor the situation closely and will continue to take advice from the Public Health Team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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