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Dear Parents / Carers

Following receipt of the WG advice on face coverings for children and Young People in Education settings, it is clear that the use of face coverings should be recommended **when other physical controls cannot be maintained.** Taking this into consideration, our current controls, which eliminate any mixing of the contact groups on the corridors, ensures that face coverings on corridors are not necessary.

However, there are occasions where the wearing of face coverings can contribute to further reducing the transmission risk. When accessing the dining room, whilst we will have one-way systems and single file queuing to reduce the risk, we will be recommending that students wear a face covering in these areas. There will also be occasions, such as a lunch time with adverse weather, where we may have to have groups of students in enclosed spaces. This would necessitate us to recommend the use of face coverings in these situations.

In classrooms control mechanisms such as hand and surface hygiene, no shared materials, reducing face-to-face contact and speaking more quietly are already in place. Learning and hearing requirements and social communication make face coverings in students or teacher inadvisable in the classroom.

We would ask parents / carers to provide a mask for your children and encourage them to keep the mask safely in their bag when it is not required. It will be the responsibility of students to wear face coverings appropriately and we would ask parents to ensure their children understand this. This is not mandatory, but we feel it will help further mitigate the risk of any potential spread of the virus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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