



28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents,

**Re: Wearing Face Masks in School**

I hope you and your family are well and have kept safe during the summer break. As the new term approaches I really hope you and your child are eager for a good and positive start to school after such a long time at home. The staff have missed the pupils very much and are extremely keen to see them next week.

Before the term starts please refresh yourselves with the contents of the letter I sent to you dated 16th July 2020, regarding our full school re-opening plans in September. You can also find the letter on the school website.

You will no doubt be aware of the government's recent decision for secondary school pupils to wear face masks in corridors and communal areas around school in addition to public transport, which will also apply to all staff. Pupils will not be required to wear them in classrooms or outside of the building.

Therefore, for the start of term please ensure your child attends school with a **plain washable or disposable surgical face mask**. Please note:

Patterned face masks or face 'coverings' such as scarves, bandanas, snoods or durags are not allowed.

The misuse of face masks, placing others at risk will be taken seriously.

We want everyone to have a positive experience when they return to school, or are starting school in Year 7. However, our usual standards will apply regarding uniform and appearance. Therefore please read our regulations in the parent handbook found on the website. Of special note please adhere to our haircut and footwear regulations.

I fully understand that you may have anxieties about your child returning to school. After all this time out of the school routine it will be a big step to take, but we shall support your child to quickly adapt to the changes that we must put in place for now. It will be different, but I can assure you we will do our utmost to ensure your child is safe, happy and settled in school.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Finlay  
Headteacher

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