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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on Face Coverings

Firstly, I hope you all had a good summer break and are fully ready for the challenges the new academic year will bring.

In preparation for the full reopening of schools, and following the current official guidance, the school's Senior Leadership Team, Wade Deacon Trust and our Health and Safety advisors have spent considerable time planning for the safe return of all students and staff. Included in our risk assessments and reopening plans, a number of precautionary measures have been implemented on the site and we are following official government guidance supplied to schools.

In addition to these measures, we are recommending the wearing of face masks except in classrooms. Please note this is a voluntary measure but we hope that our school community will support us in this action.

The guidance, which I have provided in the link below, provides further details on the appropriate use of face masks in schools and is designed to ensure the safe operation of the school and to protect all members of our community, particularly those who are vulnerable. These precautions take account of the nature of the school site and our student and staff numbers.

We hope that this additional measure will ensure that we can continue to operate a full curriculum. The health and well-being of our school community is of paramount importance. Schools are an essential part of society and the arrangements we are making are designed to ensure we are in a position to welcome students and staff back to school.

We are confident that our parents and carers, our students and staff will fully understand that these measures are designed to provide the best care, not just for those in school, but also for our families and this initiative will therefore be supported with the same community spirit, which typifies the attitude of those in this school. The school will continue to monitor any changes to guidance and review the implementation process in school.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ian Critchley
Principal

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

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