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Dear Parents and Carers

Important: Covid-19 Updates & On-Site Testing

Face Coverings

I hope you are all very well. I am writing to inform you of my decision to **reintroduce the wearing of face coverings by Secondary students in all communal areas of the school from Monday 21st June** - with the exception of those who are exempt on medical grounds. Please can you ensure that if your child is exempt they bring in their lanyard so they can be identified as exempt.

I am strongly recommending that students also wear their face masks in classrooms, however, this is not yet compulsory. The situation and number of cases will be kept under constant review and should we need to further increase the measures then I will inform you as soon as possible.

As you can imagine, this is a disappointing action to take but, as always, the decisions we make are to ensure the safety of our community. The Halton area is seeing a rise in Covid-19 cases, as has the Liverpool City Region, and sadly we have seen a few cases in school over the last two weeks.

All local high schools are taking this step and we have consulted the Local Authority and Public Health.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on the entrance points on Monday morning to ensure that all students are wearing face coverings and they will have additional face masks for those students who do not have one.

On-Site Testing

As you may be aware, we have kept open our on-site testing facility and staff have continued to have two tests per week in school.

From Monday 21st June, we will test all Secondary students, once per week in school, until the end of the year. We will only test students whose parents and carers have consented previously.

This is a further preventative measure to keep all our community safe and attempt to ensure we have a Covid free end to the year. This will not only support keeping students in school but also support you and your families leading into the summer break.

I am proud of the way parents and carers have been supportive of our safety protocols and it is your support that has helped our school be safe so far. I would like your support again as we approach the final few weeks of the year.

Yours sincerely

Mr I. Critchley
Principal

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