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Dear Parents and Carers

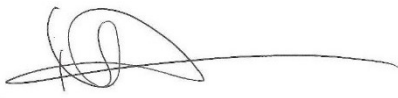
From Monday, 8 November, I will be **strongly recommending** the use of a face covering for all students, and staff, in social spaces, including corridors. This request does not include their use in classrooms, at this point. As I have previously mentioned to you all, I fully appreciate some parents' views on the use of face coverings in school, but as you will know well by now, my priority is to keep as many students in school as safely as possible.

Positive COVID cases are stable at present in school, so this is a pre-emptive decision to keep the number of infections as low as possible during the winter months. Other schools in our Trust, and indeed across the city, are taking similar steps to minimise the chances of transmission. Given that, I feel this is a sensible and pragmatic move on our part at this time.

We continue to monitor other systems of control in school, and I may contact you again soon, with further details of actions we have taken to reduce the risk of transmission further.

I thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Matthew West  
Principal