



2 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am making a further request that your child wear a face covering in school, on corridors and other communal spaces. Disappointingly, to date, most students are choosing not to wear one. With two weeks until the end of term, I am trying my best to keep all aspects of school as normal as possible. However, this is now becoming increasingly more difficult, as I have a growing number of staff absent from school with COVID.

The addition of mask coverings in social spaces will provide us with an extra system of control that will help us keep normal business going until the 17 December. As we did this time last year.

My fear is, that without your full support of my request, I will be left in a situation where normal operations in the school, such as keeping the site safe, feeding children or teaching some classes becomes impossible. At that point, I will have to write to you with information about how the school, or parts of it, may have to close.

I am asking for all students to demonstrate their civic responsibility and help keep the school open until Christmas. To be clear, a face covering should be worn by all students, and staff, in social spaces, including corridors. Unless they are exempt. This request has been made in response to the Governments' new guidance for schools, it can be viewed [HERE](#):

Please ensure your child has a face covering to use in school, from tomorrow. Students have been compliant in the past, when the request was mandatory, and they supported us well at that time. I am simply asking for that level of support once again.

As stated previously, I encourage your child to take regular, twice weekly, Lateral Flow Test (LFTs), to help break chains of transmission. Your child can collect these tests from school on request.

I thank you in advance of your support on this matter.

Yours faithfully

Matthew West
Principal