

30 November 2021

## Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from the text and email you should have received yesterday regarding the wearing of face masks, I write to provide more detail.

From today, the DfE have advised pupils and staff in schools across England to return to wearing face masks in communal areas. For us, this includes corridors, the PE changing rooms, and when queuing in the canteen. Pupils are also encouraged to wear face masks in classrooms. For those that are medically exempt, they should ensure they see the school Lead First Aider.

Whilst there is no plan to move into bubbles at this stage, we have taken the decision for assemblies to be via Teams for the time being. In addition, please note the following safety precautions remain in place:

- Pupils and staff should avoid all physical contact (no hugging, shaking hands etc.)
- Pupils should ensure good hand hygiene using sanitiser available in all classrooms and around school
- Pupils may clean down their desks if desired with the cleaner provided in all classrooms
- Increased cleaning of touchpoints will continue around school
- Classrooms will continue to be ventilated (coats may be worn if cold)
- Lateral flow tests should be completed at home twice a week, including the reporting of test results (positive, negative, and void)
- We encourage all those eligible to take up the vaccine, including boosters when available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring we protect our community as much as possible and ask that you please ensure your child brings a face mask to school, and understands the importance of the safety measures.

Yours faithfully

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