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Dear Parents and Carers

Face coverings in classrooms and corridors for students

As part of our on-going risk assessment process, we have reviewed our decision to relax mask wearing for students in corridors and classrooms. Since May, this has been optional and several students have continued to wear face coverings in their lessons and when moving around inside our buildings.

The national rate of infection has increased significantly across England and at a rate above the national average across Hampshire.

We have committed to keep our staff, students and their families and our community as safe as possible since March 2020. We have also worked hard to keep our school open to as many students as possible and minimise the number of students who have to self-isolate. I am sure we would all agree that children having to self-isolate now, having spent so much time unable to go out during the last 15 months, is highly undesirable.

Therefore, I have decided that we need to bring back compulsory face coverings into our classrooms and corridors to keep everyone as safe as possible and to minimise cases of self-isolation. This will become part of our weekly review.

When we had to do this in March, every student understood this and even some students who were exempt from wearing coverings did so to protect their friends and their families. I remember writing to you expressing how impressed I was with the maturity shown by our young people and I am confident they will do so once again.

May I ask that you ensure your child/ren pack sufficient disposable masks or re-usable masks each school day please.

Thank you so much for your continued support. To date our actions and measures have ensured that all students and staff have remained as safe as possible and it is imperative that we continue to be vigilant to protect students and staff while they are on the Oakmoor site so that we protect ourselves, our families and the wider community.

Yours sincerely



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