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Dear Parents and Carers

Since the Government removed the requirement to wear face coverings in classrooms last week, we have seen an increase in infections across the local area, including in our school.

Years 10 and 11 have very few cases with Years 7-9 experiencing a rapid increase in cases. We have taken advice from the UK Health Security Agency, the body who recently replaced Public Health England.

From tomorrow, all students will be required to wear face coverings in mentor time where students will be seated on different tables by year group. Years 7, 8 and 9 will also be required to wear face coverings in all lessons until further notice, as we monitor infections every day. Years 10 and 11 may wear face coverings in all lessons should they wish to.

We will all continue to wear face coverings in corridors and communal spaces until further notice, as well. This will also help us reduce infections in staff, so that our staff attendance rate can remain as high as possible, giving us the best possible chance of keeping our school open to all students.

Please could you ensure your children bring face coverings to school as our supplies are now very limited and continue to test regularly advising us of a positive test or symptoms through [enquiries@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk).

Clearly, wearing face coverings in lessons is not desirable and I will change this requirement as soon as infection rates are low again. In the meantime, thank you for your support in helping us to keep our school open for face to face learning and in helping us keep our families and communities as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely



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