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FACE COVERINGS UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the vast majority of our pupils came today equipped with face coverings. Your children will also be reporting tonight that the staff were wearing them around college.

It is a crucial part of our school's strategy that still includes social distancing beyond 2m wherever possible, regular hand washing with soap and water throughout the day for more than 20 seconds preferably (or failing that sanitising) and from now onwards wearing face coverings (unless medically exempt).

Pupils and staff need to continue to wear the face covering in communal areas i.e. corridors, dining areas (except when eating), private study and recreation areas. Pupils may also wear masks in lessons.

The wearing of face coverings outside of school is compulsory on public transport and also need to be worn inside shops e.g. newsagents or sandwich shops which some pupils visit on the journey to and from school.

The increased use of bicycles is to be welcomed but can we remind pupils to ride responsibly as we have some reports of pupils racing down pavements or riding carelessly and occasionally recklessly in front of traffic.

This morning's press conference by Chris Witty and Patrick Vallance highlights how big the challenge is to keep the spread of the virus under control and avoid many deaths in the coming months.

Keeping schools open, if at all possible, is vital for your child's education and the wearing of face coverings together with the other key measures make this more likely.

Please ensure that your child has their face covering with them every day. For the foreseeable it will need to be an additional element of every child's school uniform.

Thanks for your support in keeping all our pupils and staff safe.

Yours faithfully

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