

22nd September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Face masks and lunch arrangements

Following on from my letter last week, I am mindful that tomorrow the weather changes for the worse. Therefore I have asked all our pupils to have **face masks ready in their bags from tomorrow (Wednesday 23rd September)**. From tomorrow we will require face masks to be worn in the inside Year Group Bubble Zoned areas. They are not required to be worn in lessons or in corridors.

As already requested we ask that parents/carers prepare for this please by ensuring that your child:

- **Has enough washable face masks such that they will have a clean one every day** – we cannot allow reusable masks. It needs to be a washable mask.
- **Has a sealed plastic bag in to which they can store their mask when not in use** so that their books and other equipment doesn't become contaminated.

I have been very impressed with the behaviour of our young people in school and the maturity with which they have adapted to the COVID restrictions. The majority of pupils are following the one way system and remaining in their bubble zones during unstructured times. Sadly, there is a very small minority who are not adhering to our safety measures. The health and safety of all our people in school is a priority to me and therefore, in line with our behaviour policy, I will be taking serious steps to tackle any deliberate flouting of these safety measures.

Having listened to feedback from parents we will also trial a rota system for the canteen as of Monday 28th September. Year groups will be allocated a 10-minute slot to get food from the canteen and then take it to their zoned area to eat. We will not be using the biometric system as this increases risk. Instead pupils will simply be asked to record their name with the canteen staff. This does mean that you will not be required to order food in advance on line any more.

This is an ever evolving situation and we remain responsive to changes. As with all things, we will review the processes on a weekly basis.

Thank you for all your support and kind words during these strange times. It is appreciated.

With best wishes,

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