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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are keeping well and I would once again like to thank you for your continued support over the last few months.

Ensuring everyone's health, safety and wellbeing, whilst maintaining a consistent education for our students with minimal disruption, has been and continues to be our absolute priority for this academic year. We are closely following all Government and local government guidance, and as a result of our robust contingency planning we already have the necessary preparations in place to appropriately respond to a range of scenarios relating to a local lockdown.

Firstly, we will continue remain fully open, full time, to all students and staff. To allow this to continue, from Monday 9th November, face coverings (masks) must now be worn by all students and staff when moving around the premises, including in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot be easily maintained, in line with Government guidance.

Students will be provided with a re-usable plain black mask free of charge on their first day back on Monday 9th November. When in lessons, students may remove their mask if they so wish and keep it safe in a sealable small bag. Students will practise how to wear their masks correctly when they return to the Academy.

Students will be advised to take their masks home, wash them with soap and hot water and dry them ready to bring back to the Academy the following morning. If your child forgets their mask, we will provide them with a disposable mask but we only have a small supply of these.

Students can choose to wear their own face mask but it must be a plain black re-usable mask or of the daily disposable variety.

We are aware some students are exempt from wearing face coverings for medical conditions. If this is the case for your child, please contact us to let us know and they will be given an exemption card.

We will be continuing to operate the many other robust safety measures we have in place including social distancing, social bubbles, separate year group entrances/exits, staggered break and lunchtimes and staggered times at the end of the day. Students will also follow the increased hygiene and cleaning protocols to help limit any spread of the virus.

As you know, we have done all we can to ensure that your child has the best possible start to the new academic year, following an extraordinary few months, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping us do this. The health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and wider school community will continue to be our priority, but we will also do everything we can to minimise any disruption to your child's education. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Carrienne Robson
Principal

