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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am sure you will be aware that we keep our Covid-19 risk assessment under continual review. As we approach the winter term, and with cases of Covid-19 increasing, we have decided that we will introduce some additional mitigating measures to ensure the chances of any outbreak in school are further reduced.

We have identified several areas within the school building where it is more difficult for staff and students to maintain a two metre distance from one another. These include:-

- The communal areas inside the Corrigan Building (corridors, stairwell, and toilets), especially during lesson changeover
- When queuing for food inside the dining hall
- In the staffroom corridor and reprographics areas, the main office/reception area, and some poorly ventilated office areas (meeting room and the Key Stage 3 pastoral office)

We are therefore asking all students to bring a face covering with them into school every day and to wear this face covering when they are in the above areas. Students should also bring a small clean plastic bag (sandwich bag size) to safely store their mask when not in use. Masks must be appropriate and must not have any images or slogans. They can be patterned or striped. If there are any issues about supplying a mask for your child, please liaise with your child's form tutor.

Students will not be required to wear a face covering in class, when they sit down to eat, when outside or in other areas of the school at present. Of course, the situation will be kept under continuous review. There are limited circumstances where an individual does not have to wear a mask due to a medical exemption. If you believe your child is exempt under the guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>), please contact the school office so that we can arrange a meeting to discuss this with you.

Please note the changes outlined above will take effect immediately and will become part of school policy from Monday 2 November (after half-term), by which time we will expect all students to be fully equipped with a face covering. Surgical face masks are not required - cloth face coverings are suitable.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in these difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Fraser Long
Principal

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