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Dear parents and carers

### Face coverings

Yesterday, the [government announced](#) that the wearing of face coverings by adults and pupils “when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas” will become mandatory in secondary schools. The DfE expects us to implement this guidance between now and next Monday.

From **Monday 9 November**, all staff and students are expected to wear face coverings **in communal areas inside the building** at social times (unless they are eating) and when moving between lessons.

In line with DfE guidance, we do not expect face coverings to be worn in lessons. Nor do they need to be worn outside the building. We will inform students of these changes tomorrow when we will also provide guidance on how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings safely. You may find it helpful to look at [this infographic](#) with your children.

The government also makes it clear that “children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport. Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college. This does not apply to those who are [exempt](#).” Please remind your children of this important message.

It is reasonable for us to assume that students now have access to face coverings due to their increasing use in wider society. Public Health England has published resources on how to [make a simple face covering](#). We will, however, provide a face covering to any student who forgets to bring one into school. Please note that we reserve the right to make a small charge to parents and carers to cover the cost of doing so.

#### **Exemptions**

*Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. For example people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, or if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate. The same exemptions will apply in education settings, and **we would expect teachers and other staff to be sensitive to those needs.***

Please get in touch with us if your child is exempt from wearing a face covering under the above criteria, and we will provide them with an exemption card.



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The current DfE guidance on face coverings is [here](#) and the WHO's guidance [here](#).

Thank you for your cooperation as we all support each other in adopting this new practice.

Yours sincerely



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