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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are keeping well and that you and your family and friends are in good health. I am writing to update you about the current situation, following the government's upgrading of the country's coronavirus risk level earlier this week.

Wearing of masks and face-coverings

From Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September onwards, we will be asking all students and staff to wear a face-mask around the school building. Masks will not be worn in classrooms but should be worn in corridors and all communal spaces. Students must wear masks properly and must not have them pulled down below their nose or under their chin.

Students must wash their hands before and after removing their masks and must store them within a plastic bag inside their pocket or school bag. We would recommend that students bring with them to school a small plastic bag, e.g. a sandwich bag, so that they can store their masks safely.

Any students who are exempt from wearing a mask for medical or other reasons should speak to a member of staff so that this can be properly recorded.

## Remote learning

Any students who are at home self-isolating but who are not unwell should continue with their school learning — it is essential that students do not miss out on their education as a result of this situation. Where possible, the school will arrange for any students who are self-isolating to join lessons remotely via MS Teams. Where this is not possible, work will be given to students via email or in a printed pack. If a member of staff is self-isolating but not unwell, the school will arrange for them to teach students remotely using MS Teams.

## Parents evening

We hope to be able to proceed with Year 10 parents' evening as planned on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. We will contact Year 10 parents separately about this with details of the arrangements that will be in place to minimise the risk of infection.

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

















