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Dear Parent/Carer

Change of risk management to require students and staff to wear masks

As you will be aware, there has been a significant increase in numbers of positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the Charnwood area within which our school is situated.

As a result of this and updated guidance that has been received from our external Health and Safety Advisor, from **Monday 2nd November** both students and staff will be required to wear face masks in school in the following circumstances;

- When moving inside the school to classrooms or for any other purpose
- In any communal areas where it is not possible for social distancing to be maintained

We will, of course, talk to students in more detail about what this means.

For your information the specific Health and safety advice leading to this decision is shown below;

- *When an area moves to Local COVID Alert Level: high or very high, in settings where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.*
- *In the event of new local restrictions being agreed, schools will need to communicate quickly and clearly to staff, parents and pupils that the new arrangements require the use of face coverings in certain circumstances.*
- *It is reasonable to assume that staff and young people will now have access to face coverings due to their increasing use in wider society, and Public Health England has made available resources on how to make a simple face covering.*
- *However, where anybody is struggling to access a face covering, or where they are unable to use their face covering due to having forgotten it, or it having become soiled or unsafe, education settings should take steps to have a small contingency supply available to meet such needs.*
- *No one should be excluded from education on the grounds that they are not wearing a face covering.*

Students and staff will not be required to wear masks in classrooms as this would have a negative impact on communication and learning.

Masks worn should have no images or slogans. If students are wearing a reusable mask then it needs to be washed after one days use before it can be worn again. If students are using a disposable mask then it should be placed in a bin at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Marston', written on a light-colored background.

Tim Marston
Headteacher