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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Face Coverings After Half Term

As discussed in my letter last week we have been advised by Public Health England that there has been more than expected confirmed cases of COVID-19 across a number of year groups. At the time of writing this letter we have 60 confirmed cases:

Year 7 - 11 cases, Year 8 - 15 cases, Year 9 - 14 cases, Year 10 - 11 cases Year 11 – 7 cases, Year 12 – 1 case, Year 13 – 1 case

We have seen fewer cases in the year groups where students have been vaccinated.

Given the increase in cases in school, Public Health have recommended moving back to the position we were in a few months ago in relation to face coverings in secondary schools. All things considered, we have decided to re-introduce face coverings for two weeks on our return from the half term break. Students will be expected to wear face coverings in classrooms and indoor communal areas during this period. A significant percentage of our students will have had the vaccination by this point and subsequently we hope to see a drop in cases. As before, this expectation will not apply to those students who are exempt on medical grounds. We will prepare students this week for this change to be implemented on Monday 1st November.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

Yours faithfully,

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