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Dear Parents and Carers,

The national and local picture for Coronavirus is changing and this means that we need to constantly re-examine our responses and risk assessment and then make necessary changes in order to make sure that our students stay safe.

The government have raised the national alert status from 3 to 4 and Oadby and Wigston has now joined Leicester as an area of enhanced local restrictions. As a result of this we are now telling students that they should come to school with a facemask. Although the majority of our students are isolated by year group and then further isolated by class as much as possible, there may be times when a facemask would give further protection. We also recognise that some students and adults are exempt from wearing masks and therefore will not need to.

The guidance remains the same for lessons where face masks must not be worn. However in indoor communal areas such as when queuing to purchase food or when moving along corridors we are telling our students and staff that they should wear masks.

Please see the following government guidance for the safe wearing of face coverings, we ask that you discuss this with your child so that they are aware.

- The safe wearing of masks requires hands to be cleaned before and after touching, including to remove or put them on and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.
- Students must not touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it and they must dispose of temporary face coverings in a waste bin (not recycling bin) or place reusable masks in a plastic bag which they can take home with them to wash, and then wash/sanitise their hands again.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter. As always things may change at any time and we will keep you updated. Remember if you have any questions or queries please contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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