

ARE/JWA

1 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Face Coverings in school from Monday 5 July 2021**

I am certain that you are already aware that we are starting to see an increase in positive COVID-19 cases within school settings. This is due to the Delta variant, therefore we need to carefully consider what action we should take to help contain and reduce transmission.

As cases increase, we want to make sure we are doing all we can to protect everyone in our wider community, including those not yet vaccinated and also avoid increasing cases as the end of term approaches. We want to take action to reduce disruption to learning across the school from positive cases, to stop people being unwell, and so that we do not have high numbers of students/staff having to isolate at the start of the school holidays.

Given the increasing prevalence of the delta variant across secondary schools, Public Health England has asked that we move back to the position we were in a few months ago, where mandatory face coverings are worn at all times in communal areas and recommended in classrooms until the end of the school term – 21st July 2021 as detailed below:

- Face coverings should be worn by adults and students when moving around the building
- Outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face coverings do not need to be worn by students when outdoors on the premises
- It is also recommended that face coverings should be worn in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained. Therefore, should students wish to wear a face covering at all times during the day, they are welcome to do so.

I understand that this ongoing situation is frustrating for us all; however, we must do what we can to protect our community.

Thanking you in anticipation for your continuing help and support.

Yours Faithfully



Mr Alex Reynolds  
Principal