

5 November 2020

For the attention of Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge thanks to all of our parents, carers and pupils for such a positive start to the new half term, especially in such challenging times.

The safety of our school community is paramount and I thank you for supporting the safety measures we have put in place around the school to keep our school community safe. I would like to reassure you that we continue to be guided by both Central Government and Local Government guidance about reducing the spread of the virus. Last term was very successful; we ensured that pupils remained in their year group bubbles, lunches were held at different times and we introduced staggered finish times at the end of the school day. In light of the recent government announcement, I would like to inform you of some additional measures that will be put in place at school to keep our pupils and staff as safe as possible:

- In line with Department for Education guidance, the wearing of a face covering (e.g. mask, face shield) by pupils and staff, will be compulsory in all common areas of the school site, that is all areas except classrooms, with effect from Monday, 9 November 2020. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide their child with a face covering. Exemptions will apply to anyone with medical issues. Please refer to the Government website link below for details on exemptions and inform your child's House Learning Leader if you believe that an exemption applies.
- From Friday, 6 November 2020 it will be compulsory for all parents and visitors to wear a face covering for the whole time they are on the school site, including during meetings. We would respectfully ask that parents and carers do not come into the school's reception unless a prior appointment has been made. Unfortunately, all non-essential parental meetings will now be held over the phone or will be postponed until after the lockdown period has ended.
- All non-essential activities that require the mixing of pupils will be postponed until after 2 December - this includes Life Skills days and assemblies.
- It is important for pupils to access PE during the winter. We have, therefore, doubled the size of the changing rooms and employed a cleaner to ensure that the area is clean at all times.

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Finally, it is **essential** that if your child feels unwell that they remain at home until they feel fully recovered, and that you report the absence on the school's absence line (01926 743217) as soon as possible. If your child has Coronavirus symptoms, which include a new continuous cough, high temperature and/or fever, and loss of taste and/or smell, then please **do not send them into school**. You should book a Coronavirus test at the earliest opportunity and inform us of the result of the test as soon as this is available to you. All members of the household should isolate until the result is known. Even if the test is negative, your child should only return to school if they **no longer have Coronavirus symptoms**.

During these challenging times, it is essential that the school; parents and pupils continue to work as a team and I thank you for continuing to support us in keeping our school community safe.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Panesar'.

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Headteacher

Website link -

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#exemptions?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19