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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those who have contacted the school regarding the use of face coverings. This has raised a number of questions and some interesting points.

The school has decided during this time to make a temporary adjustment to the school uniform. The uniform now requires students to bring a face covering with them.

This face covering will be used in the following situations; we estimate that students will not be wearing the masks for more than 20 minutes at any one time.

- Whilst circulating within the building either between lessons or during their breaks
- If social distancing is not possible

The face covering **does not** need to be worn in the following situations but students have the option to do so. During these times we have other mitigations that reduce the chance of viral transmission:

- Whilst outside
- Whilst eating in the refectory
- Whilst in lessons

Some members of the community will be exempt from wearing a face covering under medical grounds. As with all requests for exemptions to the school uniform, we require medical evidence to confirm that this is indeed the case.

We believe that the use of face coverings for the limited time whilst other mitigations are not possible, will reduce the risk to vulnerable members of our community. Not just students within school but family members who are clinically vulnerable, elderly or in a high risk category.

I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and understanding whilst we continue to minimise the risk and play our part in keeping the community safe.

Yours sincerely

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