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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Face Coverings

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health.

As you will be aware, the Government is implementing a new national tiered system for local restrictions in response to increasing numbers of Coronavirus infections. The Wakefield district enters into tier 2 from tomorrow, Wednesday, 14 October. Wakefield will have additional local restrictions in place which means that students and staff will be required to wear masks in school from tomorrow.

The government has published the following information on its website where local restrictions are in force:

"In Education settings where pupils and students in Year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by staff, visitors and pupils/students when moving around in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain."

The full guidance on wearing masks in educational settings can be found by clicking here.

Students will not be required to wear face coverings in classrooms, when they are outside or when they are sat eating or drinking.

Exemptions

Some students may be exempt from wearing face coverings because of a physical or mental illness, impairment, or disability. The same exemptions apply in education settings and we will of course be sensitive to these needs. More information can be found on face covering exemptions by clicking here.

If you feel your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, please contact the school via the usual channels so we can discuss this with you.

We greatly appreciate your continued support to date. I would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continue to work together to ensure that we deliver a first class education for all our students, so they get the chances in life they deserve and make outstanding progress during these extraordinarily challenging circumstances.

As always, should you have any queries, please contact the school via the normal channels.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs J Cross Headteacher

