



Ref: Headteacher/Tiers

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

You will recall that I wrote to you in the middle of September regarding the arrangements that would be in place if students are self-isolating or if we are required to send a year group bubble home to self-isolate. I also informed you that I would update you on our planning in response to the government implementing a stage of their national intervention strategy in the local area.

Tiers of National Restriction

The Tiers of National Restriction are the actions that would be implemented locally or nationally if an increase in COVID -19 cases resulted in restrictions being put in place in educational settings. These are outlined in the attached document and this is also available in the parents' area of the school website. You will see that Tier 1 is very similar to the arrangements that we have in school at present but would extend the wearing of face coverings in all communal areas and corridors. These interventions are not the same as the response to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school: if this was the case those students who are identified as close contacts would be sent home to self-isolate, either individuals, small groups or a year group bubble.

Face coverings

Could I ask that you continue to support the school in implementing our COVID secure procedures by checking that your child has at least one, clean, face covering with them each day. We have taken the approach of reminders to wear these if students are not doing so and of providing single use masks for anyone who has forgotten to bring a mask to school. This is both expensive and also very environmentally unfriendly, therefore we will be moving to providing a washable mask for students who do not have a mask in school. Students will be able to buy a washable mask for £1 and will be told to do so if they are without a mask in school. If a student does not have any spare money with them a mask will be provided and parents will be invoiced for this via Parentpay. We will also email parents to inform them that their child has been provided with a mask and whether a Parentpay payment will need to be made for this.

Coats in classrooms

One of our COVID-19 mitigating measures is that windows and windows in classrooms will be open at all times. As a consequence, even with the heating on throughout the day, teaching rooms will get colder as winter approaches. Therefore students will be allowed to wear a coat in lessons if they wish. However, they cannot wear hoodies or non-school jumpers in lieu of a coat and will be asked to remove these if they are wearing them in school.



I will continue update you with further developments with regards to government guidance for schools as and when this is shared with us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Mackay", written in a cursive style.

Mr S Mackay
Headteacher