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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Face Coverings

Following my letter we have now received an announcement at 3.54pm today from the Department for Education who have now updated their guidance and this was sent to schools.

There are some aspects that will require greater time to understand but with reference to face coverings it has confirmed the following:

***'In schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated and further education colleges, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary schools or on public transport to college'***

I understand that this late confirmation may mean that some students are not informed in time for tomorrow. We completely understand this and tomorrow we will notify them if they have not already been made aware. If this is the case we would expect them to have a covering in time for Friday. This also applies to our staff. If there are any students who believe themselves to be exempt from the new rule then parents should contact us through the [appropriate forms on the website](#)

In our context this new national rule will apply to **all indoor communal spaces** where students are **in close proximity**. This will include **walking in the corridor** between lessons and other areas such as **queuing for the dining room**. The new rule largely applies to **indoor spaces** but when we have an outdoor gathering e.g. entering site via the **school gate, line up or fire evacuation** they will also be compulsory.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Bishop  
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