

3 December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I am sorry to have to write to you again about face coverings in school.

Although the majority of our students are complying with the recommended guidance (which is wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas), it remains the case that we are having to hand out too many facemasks on a daily basis, with some students asking for more than one mask per day.

The Government have made it clear that: *“no one should be excluded from education on the grounds that they are not wearing a face covering”*, but they have also made it clear that it is the responsibility of the family to provide the face mask, not the school.

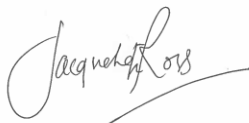
*It is reasonable to assume that staff and young people will now have access to face coverings due to their increasing use in wider society, and Public Health England has made available resources on how to make a simple face covering.*

As a school, we are given no additional funding for PPE and, providing masks since they became mandatory has cost the school in excess of £600. This is money that we would otherwise be using to support your child's education.

I would be very grateful if you could please ensure your child has a mask each and every day along with a plastic bag in which to store it. It would also help us enormously if you could reiterate with your child that by wearing a mask they are protecting others, especially their teachers, some of whom are in vulnerable categories but remain committed to providing a quality education for your child.

Thank you for your support and understanding,

Yours sincerely



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Vice Principal