



September 28th 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have heard that there has been a significant increase in COVID-19 cases reported within Wigan, you may well have seen coverage of this in the local media. It is therefore necessary for us to consider further steps to keep us all safe and well at school.

You will also be aware that an increasing number of schools have had to send class and/or year bubbles home to self-isolate; in one case the entire school has had to close. As part of our plan to address the current situation, further precautionary measures will be introduced at school.

It is likely that as the situation develops I will write to you again with additional measures we may need to consider, however at present I request that with **immediate effect** we are asking:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school site;
- Parents/carers should not enter the building unless to attend a pre-arranged appointment);
- Only one adult to enter the site for drop off and pick up if walking;
- Learners in Y7 – Y11 travelling to and from school via bus **MUST** wear face masks;
- That you arrive and leave promptly if dropping off/collecting your child.

From **Thursday 1st October**, in line with national guidelines and PHE recommendations all learners from Y7 to Y11 and all staff are required to wear face masks in communal areas. Your child will be provided with a re-useable mask and bag to place it in when it is not being worn. A power-point for you to view will be put on the website tomorrow afternoon to explain how the masks are to be used.

Hopefully, these extra measures will help reduce the virus spreading in our school community and allow us to stay open safely for all. I will write to you again should we be asked to introduce any further measures.

Yours sincerely

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