

September 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

The nights are drawing in and the weather is becoming less pleasant as winter draws near. Can you please ensure your child comes to school each day with a suitable, waterproof outdoors coat to protect them when travelling outside.

This week we experienced our first 'wet day' on Wednesday which allowed us to test our arrangements for the lining up of students indoors for lesson changeovers and also our wet break and lunchtime arrangements. As always it is important to reflect on how we operate, we have done this and have decided to make the following changes to improve our arrangements.

From **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September** we are asking all students to carry with them, every day, an appropriate, plain, face covering to be used when we have to line students up indoors on 'wet days'. We recognise that some people will have genuine reasons for not being able to wear a face covering and we respect this. We will be asking students and staff to wear face coverings when walking on corridors and lining up indoors when a wet lesson changeover, break or lunchtime has been signalled. These occasions will be signalled by the ringing of the school bell, 3 times before the next session begins.

With Year 10 students, because we don't have quite enough large indoor locations, the best plan when a 'wet lesson changeover' is signalled is for Y10 students to walk directly to their next lesson in their bubble rooms using their area corridors and yellow stairs (walking on the left). Unlike Years 7, 8, 9 and 11, this year group will not be sent to an indoor area to line up for a lesson changeover when it is wet. Instead Year 10 will go straight to their next classroom and line up outside the room awaiting a teacher to admit them. Pastoral staff and other available staff will patrol the area during changeover. On these occasions face coverings for students and staff will be encouraged in these areas. Students in Year groups 7, 8, 9 and 11 will continue to be required to line up in their indoor 'wet lesson changeover' areas and face coverings will be encouraged for staff and students.

On Monday morning teachers will be taking students through these arrangements so they are clear on what is expected. Can you please ensure your child brings a suitable face covering to school, each day, from next Monday. If you have any specific questions relating to your child then can you please liaise directly with your child's Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance.

I appreciate your support. If we feel we can improve our arrangements then we need to do so. We will monitor and review these changes and continue to adapt where necessary.

Kind regards

**Matt Robertson**  
Principal

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