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Dear Parents

As you may be aware, the government issued new guidance last week about wearing face coverings in schools. While many of the changes only apply to secondary schools, there are some additional measures for staff that we will be applying in our schools. One is that staff who wish to wear a clear visor while working with children will be allowed to do so, following strict instructions for putting them on and removing them safely and cleaning/disinfecting them after each use.

We are also asking staff to wear medical grade face masks (BS EN 14683:2019) in communal areas such as staffrooms, meeting rooms and offices where they may meet together for prolonged periods (longer than 15 minutes) where social distancing is not possible. Schools will keep a supply of masks for this purpose.

Professional visitors to schools such as Speech and Language Therapists, Educational Psychologists and Social Workers who may be working 1-1 or in small groups with children will also be asked to wear a face mask in school and will be offered a visor to wear if they choose to.

Parents and carers can only visit school *in exceptional circumstances* and by *appointment* and must wear a face covering throughout their visit – this can be a reusable fabric mask. We would also encourage parents and carers to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting their child from school as an additional precaution, particularly if they have to pass through areas of the school site where it is difficult to maintain social distancing.

We will continue to review all changes to the DfE and PHE guidance as they are published, amend our safety measures where necessary and keep you informed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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