



Dear Parent/Carer

As the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases increases in the Burton area we have decided to take further action to limit the spread of Covid-19 in school. From Tuesday 12 October 2021, all staff and students will be required to wear a face covering in communal areas in the school. This includes, when entering and leaving school, when moving between classrooms and when in assemblies/collective worship and the toilets and Dining Hall (except when eating and drinking). Students do not need to wear face coverings when they are outside at break and lunchtimes. We will also maintain our hand washing and ventilation measures and we do not require students to wear a mask in classrooms. Students who are exempt from wearing a face covering will not be required to do so in school.

These additional measures have been put in place under guidance from Public Health England and are designed to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 in school and the wider community.

We want to minimise the disruption to teaching and learning as much as possible and would like to remind parents that students should continue to attend school unless they have symptoms of Covid-19 or a positive lateral flow or PCR test.

Online learning is available for all students who are isolating through Firefly.

Whilst we are delighted that life at school has been much more normal since September we do need to remain vigilant in terms of the ongoing impact of the pandemic. With Covid-19 cases rising amongst the local community we thought it would be good to remind families on the prevention measures we recommend you maintain to protect yourself and others from transmission.

- Staying at home if you are displaying any symptom of Covid-19
- Regularly washing or sanitising hands
- Keeping open windows to aid ventilation
- Wearing a face covering in crowded spaces
- Using a tissues to catch coughs and sneezes
- Testing twice a week using a lateral flow test
- Attending for the Covid-19 vaccine (if eligible)

As always, school will continue to be led by expert guidance and regularly consults with Public Health to ensure our control measures remain appropriate. If and when any changes are necessary we will communicate these immediately with families.

I would like to thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

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