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1st November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I hope you have had a relaxing and restful half term.

I am sure, like me, you have followed the events of the last 24 hours very carefully. Currently, we have no specific guidance around any changes to procedures or safety measures that we should implement in school ahead of the introduction of the lockdown later this week. However, we now feel it would be reassuring to make the wearing of a face covering mandatory for all students and staff outside the classroom when in the school buildings. This move feels like a supportive measure in further protecting our community and giving reassurance to students, staff, and families.

The wearing of a face covering indoors will be a requirement when:

- In corridors
- Moving between lessons
- At social times (except when eating/drinking)

To clarify the last point, when in the dining-room/theatre/Year 11 common room, students must wear a face covering at all times (including queueing) other than when sat eating/drinking - much as is the case currently in restaurants/cafes.

A face covering is not a requirement when outside, but it is important that we all make every effort to socially distance when interacting with others and endeavouring wherever possible to stay 1m+ apart. For those students who have a health or disability reason for not wearing a face covering please could parents/carers let us know as soon as possible. Heads of Year will issue an exemption pass to those affected.

Here are our guidelines for the safe use of face coverings:

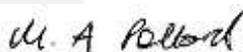
- The face covering must cover both nose and mouth
- The mask should be handled by the straps only and stored in a plastic bag when not in use
- Students can remove their face coverings once in the classroom (or choose to continue wearing them)
- If the face covering is discarded, it must be placed in a bin
- Reusable face coverings should be washed daily

As ever our priority is the health and well-being of the Bishop Perowne community, so I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support in the drive to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We look forward to welcoming back the students tomorrow morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Pollard



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