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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Important Face Mask Guidance Update – from Monday 28 June 2021

Following a review of the risk assessment, in light of the increased number of positive Covid cases in the local area, we have updated the guidance regarding wearing of face masks. From **Monday 28 June**, we will be returning to the use of face masks in lessons, as well as in enclosed circulation areas and whilst queuing, where social distancing is difficult to maintain. There will be some exceptions - in some practical subjects – and, where this is the case, the position will be outlined for the students by their teacher. Please ensure students bring two face masks, in a clean plastic bag, to school each day.

We have taken this decision, after much consideration and following an increase in the impact of staff and students being asked to isolate due to close contact with positive cases, as well as a local school having to isolate two full year groups. It is our aim to put in place as many ways as possible to mitigate the risk of infection and any impact on students learning, as well as the possibility of students, staff and families having to isolate during the school holidays.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of twice weekly lateral flow testing, to support early identification of positive cases. Further testing kits will be distributed in the next few days. Can you also encourage your son or daughter to continue with sanitising their hands on a regular basis to help reduce transmission of the virus.

I hope that you feel able to support us in effecting this change so that we can make the learning environment as safe as possible for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Headmaster**