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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to update you on our Covid-19 safety practices with regard to the ever changing picture of infection across the country. This update follows the full details found in the reopening letters sent at the beginning of term, a copy of which can be found on the Academy website [here](#). This letter contains additional guidance on matters that have been updated recently.

Current face covering guidance

I would like to remind you that we currently recommend the use of face coverings in indoor communal areas of the school. These are areas such as corridors, but we can extend this guidance to any area where the classroom based measures are not taken such as assemblies. I would like to emphasise this is **not** a mandatory measure as the students of our school are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. Parents/carers who wish their child to wear a face covering do so at their own discretion. Any misuse of face coverings will result in the student being asked to remove them safely.

Any appropriate face covering can be used as long as they are worn correctly and are applied and removed safely and sensibly. Should the area enter a local lockdown in the future it may become mandatory in line with the current guidance. Further communication would be sent in this unlikely event.

Ongoing local case monitoring

The Academy is monitoring the daily number of Covid-19 cases per 100,000 people in Fareham and the surrounding areas. We are still extremely fortunate to be in one of the lowest areas for virus cases in the country, however cases in the locality are increasing as they are across the nation. It is our intention to add an extra layer of precautions into our safety measures if local levels increase significantly. These measures will include an **expectation** that all non-exempt students and staff wear face covering in all communal areas, the review of individual risk assessments and full PPE for those at greater risk.

Parental reporting of a Covid-19 Positive case

We have worked with the Local Authority and Public Health England to ensure a rapid response to any report of a Covid-19 Positive case. To support this process, we have opened a dedicated telephone line for reporting a student's positive test result.

Please phone **01328 245551** 24 hours a day.

If the phone call cannot be taken then please follow the voicemail instructions. This voicemail is remotely monitored and we will contact you as soon as possible to take further details and support.

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Managing a Covid-19 Positive case

In the event of a Covid-19 Positive case in the school population, we will work rapidly to support the family and to inform all those who are required to self-isolate, giving full details of how they will be supported at home. If we are unable to do this within the time frames we have, we may partially close the school to the effected year group in order to ensure safety. We will inform all parents and carers of the steps take by the Academy to keep the rest of the students and staff safe, however we will be unable to release any information about the student or staff member in question.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in making the school safe for all that attend it and the wider community.

Yours faithfully

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