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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will have seen, the Government has changed the guidance to schools on the wearing of face coverings. The guidance now reads: *'In schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.'*

Therefore, with effect from tomorrow (Friday):

Face coverings **must** be worn:

- On public transport
- On UTCN contract buses
- On UTCN transport to PE
- At social times ie. break and lunchtime
- Moving between lessons

Face coverings **do not** need to be worn:

- In a classroom, in the workshop area or during a lesson (however, if you feel this is affecting your child's wellbeing, they are welcome to wear them)
- Whilst students are eating or drinking
- In the school front playground
- During PE

Face coverings must be:

- Plain without decoration, logo or pattern
- Kept clean and regularly changed

Please could I ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter comes to school equipped with a clean and appropriate face covering every day. Today is a transition day for students to get used to the guidance and it will be enforced tomorrow

Some students are exempt from wearing face coverings for medical reasons and, if this is the case, please can I ask you to contact your child's Tutor or Year Lead with the relevant medical information. They will then be issued with an exemption card to prevent them being challenged by staff enforcing the new guidance.

#### **Clinically extremely vulnerable children**

If your son/daughter has been deemed clinically extremely vulnerable, you should have received a letter stating this and you should not send your child to school during the national lockdown. Again, please liaise with your child's Tutor or Year Lead with the relevant medical information. We will, then, arrange to set work for them.

Young people who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

Aside from the new guidance on face coverings, our normal precautionary procedures will apply as before.

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