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Dear Parents/Carers

As the new school year is about to begin following the extended restrictions that that were implemented in March I'd like to make clear our position on face coverings/masks and also remind you of the key measures we have in place to keep all students and staff as safe as possible.

On Friday 28 August the Government issued its latest advice for the full re-opening of schools. In this document they make it clear that the universal wearing of face coverings in schools **is not recommended**. However, this recommendation will change should Warrington require specific localised restrictions similar to those that we have seen in Leicester and some parts of the North West in recent weeks. As of last week Warrington's rate of infection was the lowest in the North West so there are currently no indications that we will move to the wholesale wearing of face coverings/masks in the near future. **So to be clear, as of the start of term face coverings/masks are not compulsory**. In the event of localised restrictions imposed on Warrington the wearing of face coverings/masks will become compulsory in communal spaces such as corridors.

If students do choose to wear a face covering/mask it is essential that they follow the government guidance set out below on the safe wearing and removal:

- Wash hands before putting face covering/mask on.
- Wash hands following the removal of face covering/mask.
- Do not touch the front of the face covering/mask when in use.
- Carry a sealable plastic bag to store the covering/mask when not in use.
- If the face mask is not disposable it must be thoroughly washed each day at home.

Below I have reiterated the comprehensive measures we have put in place that form our approach to hygiene and infection control below.

- Hand sanitisers will be stationed at all staff and student entrances to the school. All staff and students entering the school must sanitise their hands on arrival.
- Wall mounted hand sanitisers will be available throughout the school building.
- Every classroom in the school will be equipped with a hygiene kit including hand sanitiser. As a minimum, students must be instructed to sanitise their hands on arrival to period 1, their lesson that follows break and their lesson that follows lunch.



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- Students will be grouped in year groups and only taught in a designated zone within the main school building with the exception of PE.
- At Key Stage 3 students will be taught in their tutor groups and will not move for lessons at all.
- At Key Stage 4 students will be taught in their sets so will be permitted to move between rooms in their designated zone only.
- The arrival and departure to school will staggered for students to reduce the potential increased contact of all students arriving for 8:30. Each year group has been designated an entrance and exit.
- Classroom furniture will be arranged so that class teachers and teaching assistants can remain two metres from students whilst teaching.
- Additional enhanced cleaning will take place throughout the school day with high frequency surfaces such as door handles being cleaned regularly.
- At lunchtimes and break times students will be allocated a designated area of the school where they will only come into contact with students from their year group.
- To reduce contact that could result from large numbers of students queuing all students have been encouraged to bring a packed lunch from September. We will provide a packed lunch for FSM students.

We are ready and very prepared to welcome all our students back to school in the coming days and look forward to getting them back succeeding in our classrooms. All of the information relating to start dates and times should you need a reminder can be found on our website.

Yours faithfully



**Mr G Harris**  
**Principal**



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