

9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in what has been the start to a term like no other.

We are very proud of all of our students and the positive way in which they have returned to school.

We are continually reviewing our procedures and processes in order to mitigate as best as we possibly can against the spread of Covid-19.

At the start of the term we sent all parents and carers a guide to the measures we have put in place. Facemasks have up until now been optional, and we have welcomed any student who has chosen to wear a mask in school. After careful thought and review, and a further update of government guidance, we would like to inform you that from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September all staff and students will now be required to wear face masks when in corridors and communal areas e.g. designated year group spaces.

We have purchased a large number of these and will be offering them free of charge to any students in receipt of free school meals. Where a student is unable to wear a mask, parents are asked to please inform their child's Student Manager.

Tutors will be speaking to students regarding this in tutor time tomorrow, alongside a reminder of the other measures to remain safe.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and for remaining positive in what has been a difficult start to the term.

With my very best wishes



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