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Face Mask Update November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well as we all prepare for the new set of national restrictions starting tomorrow (Thursday 5 November 2020). We have worked closely with Nottinghamshire Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Public Health England and the Nova Education Trust leadership team to ensure that we minimise the risk of contracting COVID-19 for students, staff and families. We fully agree with the government's statement on the new national restrictions with regards to schools:

'Schools, colleges and universities remain open. The Government will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people and will not be closing core educational facilities, like early years settings, schools, colleges, universities and vocational training centres. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school. Schools have implemented a range of protective measures to make them safe.'

We do continually look to improve upon our own protective measures beyond the government guidance and so we have made the decision that **from tomorrow (Thursday 5 November 2020) all students and staff members should wear face masks when travelling to and from lessons, even when outside.** Students will not have to wear masks during their morning break and lunchtime if they are outside or seated inside a designated year group area. Students will also be expected to wear their face masks when entering the school site in the morning and when leaving the final lesson of the day until they leave the school gates **with the exception of those students who travel on a school bus: those students must still continue to wear their masks until they exit the bus.**

Once seated in lessons, students do not have to wear face masks. Exemptions already in place for students will not be affected.

We strongly believe that these changes will reduce the risk to both students and staff as they travel around the site.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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