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Dear Parent/Carer

You will no doubt be aware that local rules and restrictions have been imposed in Leeds, effective from Friday 25 September, in relation to controlling the spread of Coronavirus. In response to these announcements and since a number of our school community live in the Leeds area, we have sought advice from the Public Health Team.

The DfE guidance states that the wearing of face coverings is not compulsory in areas where there are no local restrictions such as Harrogate. However, the advice that we have received from the Public Health Team at North Yorkshire County Council is that we should now strongly advise the wearing of face coverings for students, staff and visitors in communal areas outside the classroom.

Staff and students wearing a face covering should do so in corridors and in the dining areas until seated while eating. However, there is still no expectation to wear face coverings in classrooms or outdoor areas.

Any students travelling to school on public transport will have been required to wear a face covering since the start of term and in the light of this recommendation from the Public Health Team, we would ask that parents/carers please reinforce the message that students should wear a face covering on dedicated school buses as well as public services.

It is essential that hands have been washed or sanitised before putting on/taking off a face covering and the face covering itself must be clean. It should be stored in a sealable plastic bag when not worn and if it is a disposable face covering, it must be disposed of in one of our lidded bins, not a recycle bin. If face coverings become damp, they should be changed for a clean one.

We would ask that all face coverings are appropriate for school wear with no offensive images on them. A buff or scarf will not be acceptable as a face covering.

Thank you again for your co-operation and patience during this very testing time for us all. I will keep you updated as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Mort
Headteacher

