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Dear parents/carers

Face Coverings Compulsory from Wednesday 23rd September

In light of the worsening situation across the region, we have now decided that face coverings will be compulsory for all staff and students (excluding those with specific exemptions).

Where does the rule apply?

The rule applies to all enclosed, shared spaces e.g. corridors, The Canteen and The Cafe (except when eating and drinking), toilets, staff rooms etc., as well as the existing rule on buses.

The rule does not apply outdoors or in lessons, though staff and students are welcome to wear face coverings at these times, if they so wish.

What is classed as a face covering?

As previously advised a plain black face covering should be worn. These have already been issued by school in a number of cases.

When does this rule start?

The rule comes into effect from tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd September, though we will take a lenient approach up until Friday as staff and students become used to it. From Monday 28th September it will be rigorously enforced.

What if my child is exempt from wearing one?

Please use the reply slip below to let us know if your child has a medical or additional need that would make them exempt.

Face Covering Hygiene

It would also be timely to remind you about the importance of good mask hygiene. The link below contains a wealth of information regarding face coverings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

This is a decision that has been made for all schools across the St Helens Borough and I believe it is a necessary next step to help protect all of the members of our community. I thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

C.A. Twist

Mrs C Twist
Headteacher

I have read and understood the Face Coverings letter and explained the need to a face covering to my child.

My child is exempt from wearing a face covering for the following medical/additional need

