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Dear Parent/Carer

Student Face Coverings (Masks)

It has been good to welcome our students back in school after the half-term break and we continue to be pleased with the way in which our students have adapted so well to the protective measures in place to ensure we are all kept safe whilst in school.

I am sure you are keeping up to date with the news regarding COVID-19 and will be aware of the government's recent announcement to introduce stricter measures and new national restrictions from Thursday 5th November 2020 to further contain and reduce the transmission of the virus within our community.

Since the start of the academic year, we have stated that your child may wear a face covering (mask) if they wish in school and must wear a face covering (mask) whilst travelling on public transport. We also indicated that staff should wear a face covering (mask) in certain circumstances whilst in school.

In view of the latest government announcement, and as recommended by the World Health Organisation advice found here https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-children-and-masks-related-to-covid-19 and government advice found here https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education must be asking all students to supply and wear a face covering (mask) suitable for a school environment from Thursday 5th November 2020.

Students will be encouraged and expected to wear a face covering (mask) suitable for a school environment as shown below:

- Travelling to and from school whilst on public transport, it is advisable your child keeps their face covering (mask) on as they depart the bus or train
- As they arrive at school and walk into their designated Learning Zone area
- As they use the toilet facilities
- When in the Main Hall or Dining Hall queue
- As they walk from one part of the school to another and move through corridor areas
- Returning to class after break and lunch time
- At the end of the school day when leaving the school building
- If you are walking to school or home with students outside of your Year group 'bubble'

In addition:

- Students may wear a face covering (mask) in the classroom and during a lesson, however this remains optional
- Students must wear face covering (mask) appropriately and any misuse will lead to our Rewards, Behaviour and Discipline Policy being deployed to ensure members of our school community are safeguarded
- We are mindful we are a school community with our youngest members being 11 years old, and therefore face covering (mask) must be appropriate for a school setting, with no inappropriate slogans or images
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide students with a face covering (mask)
- Students will see members of staff adopting the same protocol around the wearing of face covering (mask)
- Members of the community who visit the school must wear a face covering (mask)

Face masks must be worn and removed correctly; the link provided below provides advice on the wearing of facemasks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMSqc9SpbJc



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Students will be provided with appropriate information and advice about our expectations on how to wear a face covering (mask) safely and correctly during Tutor time.

Haileybury Turnford staff will also be wearing face covering (mask) particularly when moving around the school and in areas where social distancing from others is more difficult. In addition, staff will also be continuing to observe social distancing guidelines, maintaining a distance of at least 2 metres from students and other staff members wherever possible.

Maintaining a distance and observing good hygiene by following the catch it, bin it, kill it mantra and regular hand washing are still very important in minimising the transmission and spread of the virus.

If your child has a medical impairment or condition meaning that wearing a face covering (mask) will cause severe distress, please contact a member of your child's Pastoral team to discuss how the school can support your child.

Thank you for your continued support, and should there be any further updates we will let you know as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs M Goodes Vice Principal

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