



Marple Hall School

21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear parent/carer,

I hope that everyone had a lovely summer. We have been delighted to see our students back in school this term. They have made a great start, look smart and are engaging very well in lessons.

As you know, we have done all that we can to keep school open during the pandemic and to keep students learning. As positive cases are now on the rise for both students and staff, resulting in students having to isolate and more lessons having cover teachers, we want to take all sensible steps to minimise the risk of transmission without disrupting learning.

We have today consulted with Public Health and with immediate effect, from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we are reinstating the wearing of face coverings in communal indoors areas. Unless exempt, staff and students will wear face coverings whilst walking on corridors and when stood up in canteens. They will not be worn in lessons or outside.

If your child was exempt from wearing a face covering previously, they will continue to be exempt but will need to speak to their Year team on Wednesday if they have lost their exemption card. If your child was not exempt last time but their circumstances have changed, please inform your child's Head of Year.

Whilst we want to take swift action to keep our community as safe as possible, we also appreciate that some families will need time to source some more masks. Therefore, although we expect most people to be wearing face coverings from Wednesday, allowances will be made until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September for students who do not have them. From Monday, we will revert back to students receiving uniform strikes if they do not have a face covering and need to take one from school. This is because school cannot finance the number of face coverings we were distributing previously. Please could we ask for your support in ensuring your child has a face covering and also a couple of spares in their bag.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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