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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Wearing Face Coverings In School

Further to my recent letters home which detailed the prevalence of positive Covid-19 cases within the school and local community, I am writing again to inform you about an amendment to our current Risk Assessment for the prevention of Covid-19 transmission within the school.

Unfortunately, in the last 7 days we have seen an increase in cases for both staff and students. We have been working closely with the North Yorkshire Public Health Team in making an assessment of our current situation. **As a result, please be aware of the following change to our control measures, which will be effective from tomorrow, Tuesday 16th November 2021 for a two-week period, when the situation will be reviewed.**

The wearing of face coverings in all corridors, communal areas (including during all lesson changeovers) and classrooms/teaching areas will be strongly encouraged in school for all students and staff (unless exempt).

We will continue to support the government recommendation that face coverings are worn on school transport.

These additional control measures will continue until Wednesday 1st December in the first instance.

Students are responsible for providing their own face coverings.

We are reviewing our position in school on a daily basis and I will send you further communications if required as soon as possible. The school is fully open and your child(ren) should continue to attend as normal.

Home Covid-19 lateral flow asymptomatic testing should continue until further notice. Home test kits are available from reception for students to take home.

Our key priority is to work within the bounds of the current government guidance for schools to ensure all students and staff are safe and supported whilst ensuring the school stays fully open. Returning to year groups working in 'bubbles' with the associated rigid restrictions on the curriculum and extra-curricular activities and/or partial/full school closure and a return to remote learning are highly undesirable control measures which we need to continue to work together to avoid at all costs.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher