

Text of Email sent to all parents on 1 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will no doubt be aware, Devon (along with other areas in the South West) has recently been designated an Enhanced Response Area as a result of the high number of Covid cases we are currently seeing relative to the rest of the country. Apart from this enabling the local authorities and public health teams to access additional support, it also allows for them to introduce additional protective measures over and above the current national ones.

Late yesterday we received updated guidance for local schools advising us that from the start of term, schools should reintroduce the wearing of face masks / coverings for students and staff when they are in corridors and moving around the site, and also when in communal areas. Until further notice, please would all students therefore come into school wearing a face mask. (This includes when they come in for their Covid test prior to re-starting school.) Any students that require an exemption as before, should contact the school office so we know to issue a lanyard indicating this.

Whilst students will be required to wear their masks when queuing in the Dining Hall for food, they can obviously remove them when they sit down to eat (or drink). Also when they are outdoors on the school field or hard standing areas, they will not generally be required to wear them as it should be possible for them to maintain appropriate distancing from their friends. Face covering are also not currently required during lessons, however any students that would prefer to continue wearing one may do so and will be supported in this.

If there are any further updates we will communicate them to you as soon as we are able.

Best wishes

Alan Blackburn
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