

27th August 2020

Dear Families,

It seemed unlikely you wouldn't hear from me again before the start of term, given the circumstances. You will have seen yesterday the government guidance around the wearing of face masks has changed. In light of this we are taking the following measures (some were in place already in our guidance).

- All students using the school bus or public transport must wear masks at bus stops and on buses.
- Students should be wearing masks as they;
 - o Enter the school building and go to class
 - o When they change classrooms at any time
 - o When they go to lunch and queue for lunch. (Masks will be removed to eat outside or inside on a wet lunchtime).
 - o When leaving class to go home
- Students and staff will wear masks when doing any close contact intervention or 1-2-1 work.
- Any student needing close contact with the school nurse should wear a mask, as she will.

Students will be allowed to remove their masks when playing outside, as they are not in a confined space.

At this stage students and teachers will not be wearing masks during class, but this does remain under review and may change if we see cases of Covid19 in school. Staff will wear masks when on duty and when on the corridor with students moving around.

I know some young people are exempt from wearing masks for medical reasons. We will give these students a lanyard and pass. Please email help@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk if this affects your child and you haven't heard from us already.

Just a couple of points to help with this:

- A face covering can be any fabric face covering, which can be washed. Could you please ensure your child wears a plain mask without lots of writing or logos. Medical masks can be used but are not ideal as they need to be regularly replaced.
- We will provide every child with a zip lock plastic bag to keep their mask in. We will also go through steps on the safe use of masks on the first day.

These are challenging times for us all and I would like thank you all again for your ongoing support as we try to get back to school as safely as possible.

I look forward to having everyone back in school over the next week or so. Please all take care and we will be in touch again if anything changes.

Yours sincerely



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