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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your continued support in getting students back safely into school over the past month. Thank you for continuing to follow public health guidelines and encouraging your children to do the same.

We would like to ask for your support in ensuring that your child has a mask to wear every day. Facemasks are mandatory across the school, both in corridors and communal areas. We are currently having to provide a large number of masks every day as students forget them or lose them and it is proving a drain on resources. We currently have no extra funding to support this.

If your child travels on public transport please remind them that they are required to wear their mask on the bus, and when entering shops in the local area. We have had a number of reports of students removing their masks once on the bus or entering shops without a mask on. It is important that we adhere to the guidance as a community to keep everyone safe.

What to do if you, your child or anyone else in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

The 14 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

Do

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

I want to reassure you that we have taken every possible action to safeguard the school community and will continue to work with Public Health England

Yours faithfully,

Mr Bonner
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The DfE have translated the [guidance for parents and carers with children in nursery, school, or college in the autumn term](#).

The guidance is available in the following languages:

Arabic	Bengali	Chinese – traditional	Chinese – simplified
Gujarati	French	Polish	Portuguese
Punjabi	Romany	Somali	Turkish
Urdu			