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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I do hope that you are keeping safe and well and that you and your family had a relaxing half term break.

Following the announcement of the national lockdown coming into force from today, I would like to confirm that St Thomas More will remain open to all year groups. We remain deeply committed to the safety and wellbeing of our students and part of this is the certainty for students that school will remain consistent in its approach. I therefore assure you that the measures that we have put in place will continue; the timings of the school day will continue as they are now; and most importantly, our desire for our students to succeed, despite these extraordinary times, remains undiminished.

There have been minor changes in the guidance for schools, the most notable being that the use of a facemask is mandatory now in corridors and communal spaces. Therefore our current Covid-19 measures will remain as previously stated and students will be required to wear a face mask whilst moving around the school site at all times. Facemasks are not required to be worn in classrooms, although students are quite at liberty to wear one in lessons if they so wish.

The updated guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19#schools

As a reminder, the school does not receive any additional funding for providing face masks, therefore, so please ensure your child is sent to school with a mask for the day.

I would also like to remind you that if your child displays COVID-19 symptoms do not send them into school and please do organise a COVID-19 test for them. The key symptoms are:

- A new, persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste/smell

I thank you all for your understanding and support over this incredibly difficult time.

Take care, stay safe, God bless,

Mr Bonner
Head Teacher