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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you for the support you have provided us and your child in opening the academy since September. Following the Prime Minister and the introduction of the 3 tier alert system across England it has been confirmed that Wakefield has been categorised as tier 2, this means, as I am sure you are aware, cases are high across the district.

We constantly review our situation and the actions we take and as such additional measures are being put in place over the coming days.

From Monday 19 October 2020 students and staff will now be required to wear a face mask/visor in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. This is in line with government guidance, "In education where Year 7 and above are educated when moving around indoors such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. It will not at this point be necessary to wear face coverings in classrooms where protective measures already mean the risks are low." This guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education> Use of Face Masks

Your child will now need to wear a mask in all communal areas, communal areas are as follows:

- Entry and Exit from site
- Corridors
- Dining areas - (students can remove them whilst eating)
- Outdoor social areas

If you are unable to provide your child with a facemask, please contact their Learning Manager by email or letter and we can support them.

We are aware that some students and staff will be exempt from wearing a facemask, this will be handled sensitively. Those who are exempt will be provided with a green badge to wear on their tie so they are not challenged. The list of exemptions is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Once again I would like to thank you for your ongoing support as we adapt our practice in line with local and national guidance in order to ensure the safety of students and staff during these ever changing times.

Yours faithfully



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