

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been lovely to welcome our entire school community back this week and see the school functioning as it is supposed to. We have been exceptionally impressed with how quickly the students have adapted to the new way of working and have been strictly following the one-way system and regularly using hand sanitiser. There are a small number of children who are not bringing their own bottle of sanitiser into school. Please could you check that your child has their bottle with them every day. We have plenty of large bottles in school and we will happily refill bottles for students if they ask.

Unfortunately, despite everyone's best efforts, COVID-19 cases are rising nationally and yesterday I received a directive from the local authority advising that, from Monday, *all* students **must** wear a face mask in communal areas in school. This is everywhere inside the building except during lessons times. Students will be required, to have a mask with them in school at all times and must wear them in corridors, the canteen (when not eating) and social spaces inside the building.

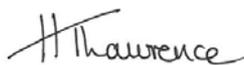
At present we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst our teaching staff or pupils and it has already been communicated to you this week that we have one member of support staff who has tested positive. I want to reassure you that we are constantly monitoring the situation and we will keep you informed. Please help us by keeping your child at home if they, or anyone in your household, experiences any of the COVID-19 symptoms of:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of taste or smell

You should seek a test for any individuals that are displaying symptoms.

Think: Hands – Face – Space

Yours faithfully



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Head of School