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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that the summer has provided an opportunity for some relaxation despite these hugely unsettling and unprecedented times.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school at the start of term and have worked hard, throughout the summer, to instigate a host of mitigating measures whilst keeping abreast of ongoing advice from Welsh Government.

You will, I am sure, be aware of the recent announcements by the Education Minister relating to the wearing of face coverings in schools. As a direct consequence of this announcement, the Local Authority has written to all schools and strongly recommended that face coverings are to be worn in communal areas.

In line with the recent Welsh Government update, the Local Authority's response and bearing in mind our small site and narrow corridors, we would strongly recommend that your child wears a face covering in school when moving around communal areas of the building. This includes corridors, lifts, stairwells and toilets. Albeit that during the Year 7 and Key Stage 5 induction days there will be fewer pupils in school, we recommend that this begins as soon as your child returns so that they quickly become accustomed to the protocol.

Face coverings can be removed when seated in the classroom, participating in lessons and when outside of the school building.

We fully understand, of course, that some pupils with certain additional needs are generally not recommended to wear face coverings in school buildings or on school transport. Our Learning Support department will liaise with specific families regarding this.

The recommended face coverings have three layers of material as highlighted by the World Health Organisation. The Local Authority will initially be supplying two washable covering for each pupil which will be safely distributed upon their return to school. You may wish, of course, to purchase your own.

Please follow the link provided to an instructional video on the use, storage and maintenance of face coverings <https://youtu.be/qX5j0LMFB3U>

In order for face coverings to be most effective, we would be grateful if you were to discuss the following protocols with your child:

Do's

- ☐ Clean your hands before touching the covering
- ☐ Inspect the covering for damage or if dirty
- ☐ Adjust the covering to your face without leaving gaps on the sides
- ☐ Cover your mouth, nose and chin
- ☐ Clean your hands before removing the covering
- ☐ Remove the covering by the straps behind the ears or head
- ☐ Pull the covering away from your face
- ☐ Store the covering in a clean plastic, re-sealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it
- ☐ Remove the covering by the straps when you take it out of the bag
- ☐ Wash the covering in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water at least once a day
- ☐ Clean your hands after removing the covering

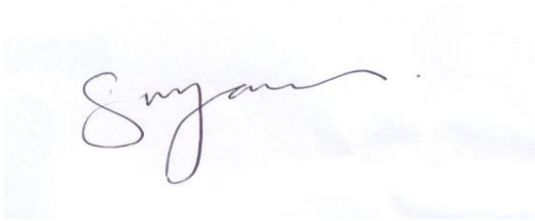
Don'ts

- ☐ Do not use a covering that looks damaged
- ☐ Do not wear a loose covering (tying a knot at the end of the ear loops will tighten the fit)
- ☐ Do not wear the covering under the nose

- ☐ Do not remove the covering where there are people within 2 metres
- ☐ Do not use a covering that is difficult to breathe through
- ☐ Do not wear a dirty or wet covering
- ☐ Do not share your covering with others

Please continue to use our website and follow our Twitter page for further updates and information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S M Jones', is written over a light blue, textured background that resembles a piece of paper or a stamp.

S M JONES

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