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Dear Parents and Carers

Guidance on Face Coverings within School

As I'm sure you will have read in the news, the government have announced that from today face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff and students in year 7 and above.

At Tapton we will continue to proceed with caution and follow the principle of the 4 Es which have been adjusted below:

Expect we will expect secondary students and all adults to wear a face covering in corridors and communal areas (not classrooms).

Encourage we will encourage each other to take responsibility for our own personal safety and to make the right choice to ensure we all feel safe and cared for. If children and staff members still chose to wear a mask (including in a classroom) we will allow this personal decision.

Educate everyone will learn why, how and when it is appropriate to wear a face covering.

Enable we will provide a face covering for any student who wishes to have one but doesn't yet have their own.

We will continue to monitor cases within the school and provide a further update in due course.

Please ensure your child brings a mask to school so they can wear it in all communal spaces. Please also remember that the masks we have in school are of the disposable, single-use variety and of limited supply therefore whilst we will support students who arrive to school without a mask it is better for the environment if they have a reusable one of their own.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Rhodes Headteacher

