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Dear Parents and Carers

Face Masks – Update

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 in the Anglesey, Shobnall, Horninglow and Eton Park areas of Burton, the Local Authority has advised secondary schools and other education institutions to use their discretion to require face coverings in communal areas. This is an additional precautionary measure to support the actions being implemented in Burton to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. With this in mind, we will be expecting students to wear face masks as they enter and leave the school building, and in corridors at lesson changeover.

Students do not need to wear masks in lessons but can choose to do so and do not need to wear them outside, although they should still maintain social distancing. During your child's first day back at school we will be sharing with them a full Health and Safety briefing.

Expectations for the use of face masks in school:

- Face masks should be worn correctly, covering the face and nose. If a student is wearing a covering incorrectly e.g. on the chin, they will be asked to wear it correctly.
- Students may be asked to remove their face mask by a member of staff (where social distancing measures can be maintained) for a short period to aid communication.
- It will be the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure the wearing of a face mask by their individual child(ren).
- The wearing of face masks in school will be reviewed on a regular basis in line with guidance from the DfE and Public Health England and we reserve the right to change our position, with the expectation of your continued support.

If your child is unable to wear a face mask at these times, we ask that you get in touch with us at school (office@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk) to discuss your child's medical plan. We hope and expect the vast majority of students will wear a face mask.

Although the COVID-19 risk to young people is, thankfully, reported to be very low, young people can pass on the infection to others who may be more vulnerable. We also want our students to feel safe and recognise that many students may be anxious about returning. We think this policy will help reassure families that students are as safe in school as they can be.

Thank you for your continued support.

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