

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

**Our continued efforts to keep our school communities safe**

We want to begin this letter by thanking you for the ongoing support that you show our family of schools during these challenging times.

The health and wellbeing of our school communities remains to be our number one priority. We continue to carefully follow all government announcements, guidance, regulations and scientific data, both nationally and locally, and regularly review our control measures to ensure that we operate in a way that keeps our pupils and staff safe and healthy.

In light of the recent rise in coronavirus cases locally, our Trust leaders have discussed what further adjustments we can make to our control measures. We believe that face coverings, along with social distancing and good hand hygiene, will give us the best chance of preventing the transmission of coronavirus. As such, we will be strongly advising that from today our staff members wear a facial covering at all times when in school, including in the classroom. Pupils will also be allowed to wear facial coverings in the classrooms if they wish to.

There will be some individuals who are exempt from wearing a facial covering, and we will be sensitive to their needs.

Thank you again for your continued support and for acting in a way that will help keep our school communities safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carolyn Robson' with a small flourish at the end.

**Carolyn Robson CBE**  
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