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Dear Parents

Please find attached updated guidance on the re-opening of school from 8 March. This guidance is in line with the latest gov.uk guidance published in February 2021. Much is substantially the same as the guidance issued by school in September. However one key change relates to the wearing of face masks in classrooms [point 1.3] which I have listed below. In reality, social distancing between students cannot be guaranteed in classrooms such that we will require students to wear them at all times unless exempted under the conditions outlined below.

- **It will now be mandatory for all students and staff to wear face coverings in all indoor areas- classrooms, corridors, communal areas [in addition to school and public transport] where social distancing cannot be maintained.**
- *Transparent covering are permitted but face visors are not to be worn as an alternative*
- *The following exemptions apply:*
 - *Where an individual has an exemption – school notified and badge worn*
 - *Outdoor areas*
 - *Where there is strenuous activity- games/PE/Enrichment*
 - *Once sat down to eat in the dining hall or sixth form centre*
- *Face masks must be kept in a clear plastic bag when not being worn. Cloth or reusable masks should be plain and washed every day.*
- *Students will be reminded about safe usage of face masks.*

Please may I also remind parents to ensure students have their own hand sanitiser and a plastic bag to place a face mask in.

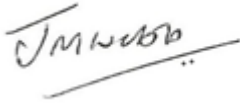
Attached is a map to serve as a reminder of the current protocols in place in the bus park and students are reminded that they should use the correct entry/exit point to the school (the same as the Autumn Term). This is important to help manage the flow of people around the site and reduce congestion. It is also worth noting that there are some road works outside the school that are likely to be in place over the next few weeks and could cause significant disruption – please allow additional time when travelling to/from school.

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You will by now have had a separate communication related to the arrangements for testing on Monday 8 March and Tuesday 9 March. Thank you once again to the parent volunteers who are assisting us.

Needless to say again I know, but we are very much looking forward to welcoming the students back and will do all we can to ensure face to face education resumes as seamlessly as it can with the remote education provided to date.

Best wishes

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Jonathan M Webb
Headmaster