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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be thoroughly aware, a national lockdown has commenced today, however schools remain fully open. Yesterday evening, the Department for Education issued updated guidance for schools for the coming weeks. [New National Restrictions November 2020](#)

From Monday, it will be compulsory for students and staff to wear face masks in all communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. For our school, this means that our students will be required to put on a mask before entering a school building. They will not be required to wear a mask in the classroom, although they can choose to do so. They will be asked to enter the classroom in a mask, and students will be expected to again put on a mask before leaving the classroom.

Of course, this means that all students must bring a reusable, clean face mask to school. For the safety of all, any child who arrives at school without a mask will be isolated until a parent/carer can deliver their mask, or the student purchases one from the school. If you are experiencing any difficulty in obtaining a mask, please let your child's Head of Year know as a matter of urgency, so that we can support you with this.

If your child is exempt from wearing a mask, we should already be aware of this. However, if you have not informed us of your child's approved medical reason for exemption, please contact Mrs Faulks as soon as possible (Email: [teresa.faulks@swale.at](mailto:teresa.faulks@swale.at)).

Please be reminded that all students who travel on the buses must wear face masks, at all times, when travelling. Also, note that we may have to change our expectations on masks in line with national developments.

Health and Safety is of the utmost importance, particularly now, and we very much appreciate your ongoing support in this.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher