

July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know County Durham is experiencing a rise in the number of Covid – 19 cases. Our cases have risen this week and some students have been sent home to self isolate. When isolating it is vital that students adhere to the following:

- When isolating students must stay indoors and are only permitted into a garden
- Students must not mix outside of school, despite being in the same bubble in school
- Students must remain in their family bubble whilst isolating

Due to the significant increase in Covid-19 cases in education settings, Amanda Healy (Director of Public Health) has requested that **any secondary** education setting with 2 or more confirmed cases will be asked to reintroduce the use of face coverings in school. Therefore from Monday 5th July it is our expectation that students will wear face coverings in corridors and classrooms where a 2 metre distance cannot be kept. If your child has an exemption then this still applies. Face coverings will not be expected to be worn in outdoor areas. If you cannot provide a face covering for your child, the school will provide one when your child arrives to school on Monday.

Also from Monday 5th July to 12th July, only cold packed lunches will be served at school, this is due to six kitchen staff having to self isolate.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours faithfully



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