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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reintroduction of face coverings

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing to you regarding our latest response to Covid-19 and face coverings.

Our priority is the health and wellbeing of our students, their families, and our staff. Alongside all of the precautions we have in place at the Academy, we are in regular contact with North East Lincolnshire's Public Health England team to ensure we are following best practice and doing all we can to reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading at school.

Public Health England have made us aware that there is an increase in the number of cases of Covid-19 locally and within our wider community.

In response to the increasing numbers of cases in our region, and following discussions with Public Health England, we are now advising that all students (except from those who are exempt) should begin wearing a face covering again in communal areas in school. They can choose to wear a face covering in a classroom should they wish.

While this is not mandatory, it is our advice and we trust students to consider this request seriously. Face coverings help to protect others as well as the wearer.

Face coverings are in addition to all the other precautions we still have in place, including class bubbles, hand washing and social distancing. These will remain in place until the end of term when we conduct another thorough risk assessment ahead of the return from the summer break in September.

A reminder - What to do if you or your child gets COVID-19?

COVID-19 exists in our wider community outside of school, and therefore it is important to remain aware of how you and your child are, and whether they are symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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If your child or any member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result.

Public Health England 'Stay at Home' Guidance is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Everyone's safety and wellbeing are our priority. Our Covid-19 precautions remain in place, and these additional measures will help us to reduce the spread in our community. Thank you for your understanding and for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms H Stennett
Principal of Oasis Academy Wintringham

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