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Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday of this week, the Government issued guidance to schools regarding the additional actions they must take during the period of the national lockdown. These new measures must begin by **Monday 9th November**.

In summary, the new measures are that:

1. All students **must** wear face coverings when moving around the school, in communal areas, and when travelling on buses (except where they are medically exempt).
2. Students classed as clinically extremely vulnerable **must not** attend school.
3. There are restrictions on the type of after school activities which are allowed.

Please ensure that your son/daughter has at least one face mask with them each morning from Monday 9th November, unless they have a medical exemption and this has been seen and agreed by their Head of Year.

Information about face coverings and exemptions can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

As always, the devil is in the detail. Please read through the following which sets out the specific requirements for Farmor's School:

Face coverings

Students **MUST** wear a face covering at school at all times **EXCEPT**:

- When in lessons.*
- When in designated zones at break and lunch.
- If they have an approved exemption.

Students **MUST** wear a face covering when travelling on buses (unless they have an approved exemption).

Students **MAY CHOOSE** to wear a face covering in lessons and designated zones.

Only masks designed for the purpose of protecting against coronavirus are permitted.

* Students **MUST** also wear face coverings in lessons where instructed to by the school. This additional precaution may be due to limitations of the room (e.g. insufficient ventilation) or due to a **medical vulnerability of a student or member of staff present in the lesson.**

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Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) students

Most children previously classified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow shielding advice. Parents will be notified by the NHS if their child continues to be classified as clinically extremely vulnerable. Parents should speak to their GP or specialist clinician to seek advice where required and inform the school if their child is clinically extremely vulnerable. These children should not attend school for the period of national lockdown.

Children who are clinically vulnerable, or who live with others who are clinically extremely vulnerable, should continue to attend school.

Out of school activities

We are awaiting further clarification about what after school activities are allowed, but for the time being our interpretation of the guidance is as follows:

After school activities will be **permitted** to take place if they are **directly related to the curriculum** e.g. subject tutoring, assessment activities required by the specification, targeted support for students taking GCSEs or A Levels.

Extra-curricular activities are not permitted to take place e.g. sports clubs, choir, drama.

Please note that these measures are required of all schools in England until 2 December 2020, or beyond if the lockdown is extended. These changes do not affect any of the other controls we have in place which will continue to apply.

As infection rates continue to increase locally, please may I remind you that you should not send your child to school if:

- They develop symptoms of Covid 19 and therefore need a test.
- Another member of the household develops symptoms and therefore needs a test.
- They or another member of the household receives a positive test.
- They are officially informed to isolate as they have been a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

If in doubt, please give us a call.

Thank you for your continued support and vigilance.

Yours sincerely



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