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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, please accept our thanks for your incredible support during the first half term of this academic year. We know that coming back to school in September was a significant undertaking for all families and our first half term certainly required a huge amount of collaborative work which would not have been possible without your support. We appreciate it enormously.

Secondly, the government issued some new guidance on face coverings in schools late last night. The guidance comes into effect on Monday but as a school we will be speaking to students about them now to give everyone the chance to plan and get accustomed to it.

Face coverings should be worn by students and adults when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. We would be very grateful if you could please ensure that your child has an appropriate face covering to wear at school. The face covering will need to be plain in style and if it is reusable, a plastic wallet will need to be provided for its safe keeping between use.

Clinically extremely vulnerable children

More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents/carers are advised to speak to your child's GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

If your child has been confirmed by their doctor as clinically extremely vulnerable, please contact your child's Head of Year to notify them. A copy of the letter will need to be provided. Your Head of Year will advise you on the next steps and how to access remote learning.

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hardcastle
Interim Co-Headteacher

Ms Rollings
Interim Co-Headteacher

Interim Co-Headteachers: Ms Hardcastle and Ms Rollings



Woodside High's Student Council reminds you to practice good mask hygiene



- ✓ Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water before touching the mask
- ✓ Cover your mouth, nose, and chin.
- ✓ Adjust the mask without leaving gaps on the side
- ✓ Avoid touching the mask
- ✓ Put any disposable masks in the bin when you have finished using it. Don't litter!



*don't
forget!*

everyone must wear
a face covering in
communal
areas!*

*unless you are exempt