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Masks

We wish to offer a big thank you to pupils and families for their support this week; we are delighted to share that the vast majority of young people have been wearing masks and know this will be reassuring to you. As you will be aware, government guidance now states that young people in secondary schools should wear a mask where social distancing is not possible. In corridors, toilets and school buses pupils are mixing with peers not in their classes and it is not always possible for them to stay physically distanced. Therefore, the wearing of masks can help prevent any potential spread of Covid 19; recent WHO guidance reminds us that teenagers are just as likely to transmit the virus as adults.

If you believe your child should be medically exempt from wearing a mask please get in touch with Ms. Donoughue, DHT Pupil Support by telephone as soon as possible. Identified conditions (e.g. asthma) do not automatically mean a young person can't wear a mask, and so it is important for us to discuss this with you fully and as a matter of priority to ensure we are keeping your child and other children/staff safe.

Hand Sanitising

Again, thank you for reminding your children of the importance of good hygiene practices in preventing the spread of Covid 19, the vast majority of young people continue to sanitise their hands regularly between classes. However, we have noticed that a number of young people are forgetting or not always doing this on their return to school following break and lunch time. As these social times are when young people are more likely to be in contact with each other and visiting external venues, it is extremely important that they always sanitise on return and we would very much appreciate your support at home in reminding them and encouraging them to do so, again to help keep pupils and staff safe.

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Depute Head