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Dear parent and carers

Face masks/coverings to be worn in school grounds by all adults

I write today to advise you of a change in our approach to wearing face masks or face coverings for adults coming on to the school grounds. We have planned and put in place measures to help families maintain social distancing in school at the point of dropping off and picking up. These measures have been successful but there are still occasions where we have observed small groups of adults being too close together on the school grounds.

With the national rate of infection increasing; we have decided that further protective measures should now be applied to adults who are dropping off and collecting children.

Please see below a list of our expectations. Many of these have stayed the same since September and continue to be important factors in helping slow the spread of COVID-19.

- From **Monday 5th October** – all adults (this includes high school aged young people) should wear a face mask or face covering when entering the school grounds.
- Masks or face coverings should be worn when entering the entrance gate and can be removed once through the exit gate.
- We know some of you may be exempt from wearing a mask. This is fine - but you may be asked about this by a member of staff.
- If you arrive with no mask and are not exempt – you may be asked to leave the premises and return with an appropriate covering.
- Primary aged children do not have to wear a mask in the school grounds.
- **Only one adult** should drop children off to school.
- Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 should enter the school grounds without a parent or carer. Any child younger than this should be accompanied by an adult.
- Staff who assist with pupil arrival and dismissal outside will also wear face coverings.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation with this change and hope you understand why it was felt that this would further protect all adults in our community.

Best wishes



David Sansom
Headteacher