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Dear Parent/Carer

The recent government announcement (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>) about face coverings included examples of where education leaders might decide to recommend the wearing of face coverings - for pupils, staff and visitors, including:

“Where the layout of the school or college estate makes it particularly difficult to maintain social distancing when staff and pupils are moving around the premises”

Now that all year groups have returned to school, we have recognised a number of situations where this is more difficult. Therefore, we have decided to make the wearing of face coverings in corridors and communal areas, where social distancing between bubbles or from staff is not possible, compulsory for all students and staff until further notice. This will take effect from Monday 14th September 2020.

Please read the information below and share this with your child.

When will my child need to wear a face covering at school?

They'll need to wear it when they move through shared indoor areas of the school where it's difficult to stick to social distancing. In particular this relates to corridors.

What will my child need?

Your child needs to come to school with a face covering. We'd recommend a reusable one so that they can use it more than once, as they'll need to take it on and off several times during the school day. If this isn't an option, they will need to bring in several single-use face coverings each day.

Please note, all face coverings should be plain with no logos or symbols. A sealable plastic bag to keep their face covering in when they're not using it so that it doesn't contaminate (or get contaminated by) other surfaces in school.

How should my child use their face covering?

Their face covering needs to cover their nose and mouth when they're wearing it. They shouldn't touch the front of the face covering or the part that's touched their mouth or nose. If it becomes damp, they shouldn't wear it, and they should replace it carefully. Single-use face coverings should be disposed of after use (not in a recycling bin).

How often will it need to be washed? Reusable face coverings will need to be washed at the end of each day, ready for your child to wear the next day. You can wash and dry reusable face coverings with normal laundry.

What if my child is exempt from wearing a face covering?

They won't need to wear one in school. Please let us know by contacting the school via enquiries@wellswayschool.com if your child is exempt so that we don't ask them to wear a face covering.

What if my child forgets their face covering?

We'll have a small supply of spares available at school. To be safe in the knowledge that everyone has one, please make sure your child has their own so that we can keep our supply of spares for emergencies.

We continue to review our operating procedures to enable the school environment to be as risk free as possible. I thank you for your support with this new development.

Yours faithfully



Matthew Woodville
Principal



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Chief Executive