

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Governors have reviewed again the wearing of face masks in school. No change to school expectations will be made at this time, and so we would ask that students (unless medically exempt) continue to bring their face mask with them to school each day with a sealable plastic bag in which to store it. This will be kept under review in line with changing Government and Public Health guidance for schools as well as any new cases that may occur in school.

It is optional for face masks to be worn in classrooms, but we continue to require that they are worn in communal areas where social distancing is difficult, such as in the halls during 'wet break'. We hope that we will have drier weather over the rest of the term which will mean that students can mainly be outside during break times and consequently not need to wear their face masks for too long.

I would use this opportunity to share recent advice that we have received from Portsmouth's Public Health team in the context of the emergence of the Delta variant. PHE are recommending that close contacts of PCR positive confirmed cases are offered a PCR test through NHS track and trace which can be accessed via: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. This testing is recommended but optional, and will not shorten the isolation period of the contact.

Public health advice to everyone remains the same; the best way to stop the spread of the virus is to remember the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' practices and we will continue to promote these in school. Regular LFD testing is also highly recommended.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our community as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely



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