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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope all families are safe and well.

Due to a rise in cases, all schools in South Tyneside have received the attached letter from the local authority, outlining 10 key measures to help stop the spread of the virus. This proactive approach will hopefully reduce the disruption that schools have faced in the first half term and will allow us to operate as close to 'normal' as possible in the second half term and beyond.

Following the recommendations from the Director of Public Health, from Monday 1 November, we will expect all children to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas, unless exempt.

For our school this means:

- when lining up to enter the school building.
- in corridors, stairwells and classrooms.
- when lining up for lunch.
- when leaving the school building at the end of the day.
- before and after eating lunch in the dining hall.
- If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, please contact the relevant Head of Learning. A member of staff may contact you to seek further clarification.



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PROTOCOLS IN SCHOOL

- Pupils should avoid touching the front of the face covering.
- Please ensure that fabric face coverings are washed regularly.
- Masks should be removed using the straps.
- Pupils should not share face masks/coverings.
- Fabric face coverings should be plain with straps. They should not include any writing, logos or images. Pupils will be asked to remove face coverings that are not appropriate and will be given a disposable one.
- Pupils should bring their own face coverings/masks to school.

Further information will follow re. the other measures outlined in the letter. All pupils will return at the normal time on Monday 1 November. There may be some adjustments to internal logistics, but start and finish times will remain the same for now.

It is crucial that all pupils conduct a lateral flow test before they return on Monday 1 November and continue with twice weekly testing thereafter.

Thank you in advance for your support. It is extremely important that we all play our part in reducing the spread of the virus and minimising the disruption to learning.

Yours sincerely



Mr D R Thompson
Head Teacher