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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid measures update

Over the weekend the Government updated their guidance on the wearing of face coverings in school and some other measures. In addition to this we have been seeing an increase in cases within our school community.

Throughout this pandemic we have always sought to deliver the best possible school experience within the safest possible environment. I am very aware that our students have missed out on so much over the last two years, not just time in lessons, but also opportunity to take part in wider clubs, trips and enrichments. With this in mind we are moving to the following measures which we hope will ensure students are able to remain in school and continue to take part in extracurricular activities.

Wearing of masks

We are asking all students to wear masks in a restaurant style policy. This means students should wear face coverings when standing or moving around, both within the classroom and in communal spaces. Students will be able to remove masks when seated in lessons. There are a few exceptions to this;

- Students who are mask exempt will not need to wear face coverings. If this applies to your child please email info@nsfg.org.uk so that we are aware
- Masks do not need to be worn outside or during lessons/clubs involving physical activity
- Students will not need to wear masks when eating or seated in any of the social areas at break/lunch time. We are asking students to wear masks when queuing for food and drinks

Students are advised that they should be wearing masks on public transport or if sharing transport to/from school with anyone outside their own family.

Of course any student may wish to wear a mask at any time if they choose to.

This expectation will be in place from Tuesday 30 November. If any student needs a temporary mask these will be available from their ESL for this week.

Assemblies and mass gatherings

We will be ceasing all assemblies in person as of today and moving to virtual events delivered in base groups. Additional mass gathering events are being reviewed and we will update students/parents as appropriate.

Home testing

A key measure in ensuring the safest possible school environment is the use of home testing twice a week and we continue to ask that all students undertake this. Unfortunately, we have issued all our kits available in school and our latest batch to arrive last week were the incorrect type. We are on priority order for the correct kits and expect these to be in school on Thursday. Kits will be issued to all students as soon as they arrive.

If you have kits at home, we ask that testing takes place every Wednesday and Sunday or if any symptoms develop.

To help ensure effective coverage we are asking that all tests (negative or positive) are reported to us through this link: <https://forms.gle/a6raUhLjGhNKRyoG9>.

If the test is positive please inform us through info@nsfg.org.uk or the school gateway in addition to the online form.

Additional events

Sixth Form Open Evening (Thursday 2 December): This will now move online, with all resources posted on our website and live zoom sessions at 6.15pm and 7.00pm. Please see our school website for further details.

Year 7 A1/B1 celebration evening (Wednesday 1 December): This has been cancelled and we will write to the relevant parents with updated information this week.

Year 7 and 8 Girls night in (Friday 3 December): Unfortunately, we need to cancel this as a form of mass gathering. Please check our website and socials for information on when a new date is arranged.

Please assume all other events are taking place unless we let you know otherwise.

Thank you again for working with us in these measures. It is our hope that by introducing these now we will be able to ensure minimal impact on attendance and students are able to continue with normal lessons, clubs, trips and wider experiences.

If you have any further questions on the contents of this letter please contact us through info@nsfg.org.uk or the school gateway.

Yours faithfully



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