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## BISHOPSHALT SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

In light of the recent change in Local COVID Alert Level, we have reviewed our COVID-19 risk assessment.

As you will already know from the information published by the school, we have up until now taken a very controlled approach to minimising risk within our communal areas. This has meant that staff and students sanitise upon entry to buildings and are escorted by staff in an orderly manner to each lesson. This has enabled all students and staff to feel safe by ensuring that everyone entering a corridor or classroom has sanitised, whilst allowing movement within a corridor to be carefully controlled to prevent congestion, overcrowding and allowing staff to socially distance.

The guidance now states that face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils outside of classrooms when moving around, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

This means that from **Monday 2nd November** we will require all students and staff to wear face coverings in the following locations

- on entry to school
- on the way to and during line-up
- when moving in corridors
- when queuing and moving through the canteen/diner

We will also encourage students to wear them during their lunch and break. Students that fail to socially distance from their peers during their free time will be required to wear them.

As such all students **must bring a mask to school** for this purpose. Face coverings should be of either plain dark blue, black or of a surgical style and students should bring a plastic bag if they are using a re-usable mask, or enough replacements if they are using disposable masks.

Students will be given guidance on how to safely use a mask or face covering, including putting it on and taking it off.

The school will continue to provide hand sanitiser at entry and exit of all buildings and classrooms. To help with this, we also ask that all students bring a small bottle of sanitiser so that they may put on and remove their mask safely during the day. The school will be providing masks for those students who require it.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I will write to you again if there are any amendments or updates to the Local Public Health Guidance.

Yours sincerely

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