

29 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The Department for Education contacted me yesterday to inform me that, as of tomorrow, the use of face coverings will once more be in operation. This means that face coverings should be worn in communal areas of all settings by staff, visitors and students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Students (in year 7 or above) should also continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

To keep this simple for students and staff this means that students should wear a face covering in all internal spaces of the school unless they need to remove them for good purpose; for instance playing a musical instrument, participating in drama activities or answering questions. In effect, we will be operating the same protocol that we operated during the summer term.

Please ensure that your child brings a clean face covering to school tomorrow. It is worth pointing out that this is in response to government concerns regarding the new Covid variant, which they are yet to fully understand. Covid cases in Preston are currently reducing and we are not a national area of concern. This is a cautious, preventative measure rather than a response to a worsening local situation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Mr B. Corbett
Headteacher