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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that today is the day the Government has earmarked to move to Plan A, for schools the main change is that we should be able to move away from mask wearing in corridors. Unfortunately, COVID has not got the same plan. As I mentioned in this week's newsletter, we are keeping a close eye on the numbers and yesterday we saw numbers rise to 43 active cases in the student body.

As a result, we contacted the Warwickshire Public Health Team and were advised that we now need to take additional measures to try and stem the transmission of COVID in our setting. From today we will be asking students to increase the regularity of hand sanitising, on entry to school and at various point during the day such as when they enter the canteen. From tomorrow, we will be encouraging students to wear masks in both communal areas and in classrooms.

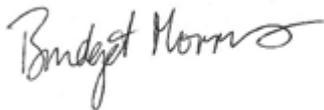
Please find below a link to a mask exemption form. If you could complete this if your child is exempt by tomorrow morning, I would be very grateful. If we do not receive this, we will be presuming that your child should be able to wear a mask and will be asking them to do so. I will place this letter on our website on the COVID page.

Finally I need to reassure you that we are instituting these measures to try and avoid other more disruptive measures such as zoning the school or year group closures. I think that you will all agree that those measures are a last resort and something none of us wish to see returning to schools. I am aware of some schools who have had to do this already and wish to avoid it whilst maintaining the health and well-being of our students and staff.

<https://forms.office.com/r/F6WZGcGHdk>

Many thanks for your support and cooperation on this matter

Yours sincerely



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