Wednesday 4th November

**RE: Wearing facemasks for the dropping of and collection of pupils.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the continued rise in the rate of COVID infections and the forthcoming lock-down we are asking all parents and carers to wear facemasks when dropping children off at the beginning of the day and at collection at the end of the day.

Although we have a staggered starts and staggered finish times and a one-way system, it can still be busy with many people arriving through and leaving through the same areas. We hope that facemasks will further help to keep everyone safe during this challenging period. We will continue to review arrangements regularly.

Children should not wear masks. This is because there is a significant risk of pupils not being able to use and store a facemask safely and the risk of children accidently using someone else’s facemask.

Can I please stress that only one parent/ carer should drop or collect you child from school and drop off times should be closely adhered to. Children should be collected by their own parents/ carers unless this is part of child care/ support bubble arrangements.

School staff will not be wearing masks whilst on duty or when teaching but will be wearing them in the communal areas of the school.

Facemasks should remain in place until you leave the school site.

Thank you for your support with this. I hope this measure is for a short period of time.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Chandler