Update regarding mask wearing requirements in school from Thursday 20th January 2022 – ParentMail Email sent on 19th January 2022

Dear Colleagues, Parents and Carers

It seems unbelievable that another announcement has been made by the government, affecting schools, to take effect tomorrow.

Face Coverings

Please continue to support the school in insisting that your child brings a mask to school with them tomorrow. <u>Masks will be required in classrooms tomorrow</u>, while we consider the latest changes and can write to you more fully about them. Staff, please continue to wear them tomorrow, too.

Regular Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue the routine of testing, twice per week, and reporting cases to the school. We have a good picture of how our small number of cases is spread across staff, year groups and classes.

Please bear in mind that school attendance is 10% lower than normal, and the number of students who have had at least one absence is 90%. Reported cases of Covid-19 are rising very slowly since we returned last week.

I am so weary, as are many of my colleagues, of being placed in this position. But, it is your support of parents, the hard work of our fantastic staff and our wonderful students that has held us together in the last two years.

Best wishes

Mr Andrew McGinnes

Headteacher