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Dear Parent/Carer

Following my letter about our arrangements for the beginning of term, further guidance has been issued by the government about the wearing of face coverings in school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Bearing in mind this guidance, the wearing of face coverings in communal areas in school is **not** compulsory in Shenfield High School as we are in a low transmission area.

As you will know from my previous letter, we have plans in place to keep students and staff as safe as possible. However, we recognise that some students and staff may feel more confident if they are able to wear a face covering while they are moving around inside the school and in communal indoor areas.

Should a student wish to wear a face covering in communal areas, they should be provided with a reusable cloth face covering or a supply of disposable face coverings. Face coverings/masks may be plain or patterned but should be appropriate for a school setting.

Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags when not in use. Parents should ensure that a student choosing to wear a face covering is supplied with a sealable plastic bag for storage.

Because of the measures already in place, it should not generally be necessary for a face covering to be worn in the classroom.

Should there be any further guidance issued by the government we will update you as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

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