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Dear parent / carer,

As you may be aware, the government have asked that secondary pupils now wear face masks in school in communal areas as well as on public and dedicated school transport, unless exempt. We have had this measure in place for some time due to the prevalence of cases in the county, however I would ask that you please reiterate this at home and ensure that your child brings a suitable face mask to school each day. Some pupils are still relying on the school to provide face masks on almost a daily basis and therefore our stock is depleted; your support in ensuring that they have their face masks before leaving the house in the morning would be much appreciated.

We have also been informed that we will, once again, be required to set up a mass testing facility in school when pupils return in January. Pupils will be required to carry out one supervised test on their return as well as continuing to carry out LFD tests at home twice weekly throughout the Christmas holidays. I will write to you again shortly about the arrangements for the testing in January.

Thank you, as always, for your support in these matters. Continued use of LFD tests at home has been absolutely key in proactively identifying any cases and has allowed us to limit any spread within school and so your support in ensuring that your child is doing this continues to be vital.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Williams