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Dear Parent/Carer,

Unfortunately, we have experienced a number of Covid cases over the last two weeks. In every case we have followed Public Health guidance to identify and isolate close contacts, in order to minimise the chances of transmission in school. I share your frustration with the continuing disruption to your child's education as a result of Covid, however we are bound by Government guidance.

As a result of a further positive case this week and the exceedingly high number of cases in the under-24 age bracket in Sunderland, the local Public Health team has advised that we reinstate face coverings in school. Therefore, from **Wednesday 30th June, students and adults will be required to wear a face covering at all times in the Academy buildings**. This is not the end of term that anyone wished for, however we must continue to take every action possible to reduce transmission and therefore keep students in school. Students who were previously exempt from wearing a face covering, will continue to be exempt.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your support, in what remains a challenging year, I trust that you will help us by ensuring your child has an appropriate face covering from Wednesday.

Yours faithfully,

K.M.

Miss K. Morris Headteacher