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Biddick
Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 MEASURES

As the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases increases in the Sunderland region we have been advised by Public Health to take further action to limit the spread of Covid-19 in school.

From **Wednesday 3rd November**, staff, students and visitors will be required to wear a face covering in communal areas in the school.

Please note:

- This includes, when entering and leaving school, when moving between classrooms and when in the Cafe and Forum (except when eating and drinking).
- Students do not need to wear face coverings in classrooms, unless they choose to do so.
- Students do not need to wear face coverings when they are outside at break and lunchtimes.
- Students who are exempt from wearing a face covering will not be required to wear a mask in school.
- We will also maintain our hand sanitising and ventilation measures.

I would like to emphasise that this is not a decision which we have taken lightly, these additional measures have been put in place under guidance from Public Health England. They are designed to reduce the transmission of Covid-19, thereby minimising the disruption to teaching and learning as much as possible. We will review the additional requirements on a regular basis as infection levels change.

We continue to encourage students to complete twice weekly LFD tests at home as a preventive measure. Unless your son/daughter has Covid-19 symptoms or a positive PCR test, they should continue to attend school as normal.

Visitors to the Academy will be limited to essential visits only and we will be contacting parents/carers by telephone as our preferred means for the time being.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Morris', written in a cursive style.

Miss K. Morris
Headteacher