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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached a letter from Public Health outlining the new restrictions that are being enforced from Monday 21st September. You will note that some of these are already less relevant here due to the actions we have already taken to limit the contact between parents and staff. However, of note is the new rule on students and staff wearing face coverings on corridors and in all communal areas. This means that, from Monday, your child (and all the staff) will be required to wear a face covering in the following situations:

- Breakfast club
- On the corridor between lessons
- Lunchtime, apart from when eating
- At the end of the day, when exiting the building

However, please be aware that exemptions are allowed for vulnerable people. Therefore, if you feel your child will struggle to wear a face covering at these times, please write into school, addressed directly to me, to request an exemption. Please explain the reasons for this request in your letter. An email to the school office address will also suffice – please use the title Exemption.

I would also like to remind you that parents are not allowed on site for any reason without an appointment, until further notice. Some parents/grandparents are still walking children from their car to the front door and it is essential that this does not continue. Also, some parents are parking their car and then standing in the car park so they can see when their child leaves the building. This is unnecessary. There are always lots of staff on duty and we will always assist any child in finding their car, if required. If you drive onto the school site, please remain in your car at all times.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We have so far been lucky in avoiding a case at JPC but the numbers are rising around us and it is essential that we increase our vigilance in order to protect everyone within our community.

Yours faithfully,

Phill Arrowsmith
Headteacher

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To

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to all schools in Wirral today to ask that parents and carers take extra care as Wirral's coronavirus cases continue to rise. The number of people with coronavirus has increased dramatically since the end of August and remains high.

We are seeing more people from all age groups testing positive across all areas of Wirral. This is why we have taken the decision to write to **ask that all parents and carers in Wirral wear face coverings when collecting and dropping off their children at school.** **This will apply from Monday 21st September.**

I would also ask you to please take note of the following points:

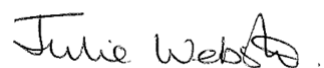
- Whilst certain individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings (for example those with particular medical conditions), they will still be expected to maintain social distance. Wearing a face covering does not replace the need for social distancing.
- We are asking you as parents and carers to wear a face covering at school pick-up/drop-off points, but your children will only be expected to wear face coverings indoors in communal areas of secondary schools. The focus on adults is due to the unavoidable congestion that is happening at some school pick-up/drop-off points and the higher risk of COVID19 transmission from adult to adult, which is not replicated amongst children.
- As part of the increased measures for schools, members of school staff who oversee drop-off and collection times will also be required to wear a face covering.

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- Further detail about face covering use in schools can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education>

I appreciate your support with these protective measures.
We must all do our bit and keep Wirral Well.

Kind regards,



Julie Webster
Director of Public Health

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