



26th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for your support with your child's learning over the last 2 days. I am delighted that the heating system is now fixed and we can resume a normal school day for all children on Monday.

I have attached a copy of a letter requested to send to all parents and carers from Alison Jeffery (The Director of Children Services) and Darrell Gale (Director of Public Health, East Sussex) relating to the increasing Covid cases. Whilst they have recommended mask wearing in communal areas, we recognise the increasing cases locally within our immediate environment and will remain with wearing masks at all times, unless a student is exempt. We ask that parents support us and provide their children with their own masks and take care of these, disposing of the disposable ones carefully and not littering the school and the immediate community. Please remind your children of the need to follow the basic expectations relating to Hands, Face, Space to help us continue to function as normally as we possibly can. The students should wear masks whilst on public transport too.

Whilst the number that have tested positive do have COVID symptoms, there are also a significant number of these positive cases which are asymptomatic, and wouldn't be detected if it were not for regular lateral flow testing at home. Can I ask that you continue to support the school by ensuring twice weekly tests are undertaken on a Wednesday and Sunday evening, in order to pick up any asymptomatic cases before they get into school.

We aim to control our school based cases by careful adherence to our risk assessment to ensure we are able to carry out the end of year activities that the students missed out last year. However, if cases increase we will have to carefully consider any communal events in indoor spaces.

We wish you a very restful weekend and look forward to greeting the students in their full uniform, including wearing their blazers as a non-negotiable.

Best wishes
Ms Beer
Headteacher