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16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sorry to have to contact you again, and thank you for your cooperation and diligence in staying up to date with our frequent communications. As I have stated numerous times, this continues to be a challenging and rapidly evolving situation, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

As I am sure you are aware, from tomorrow (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October) Bexley will be placed under local restrictions, in the Tier 2 (high alert) category for England. As a result of these restrictions, and in line with Government guidance, we will be making a change to our operating procedures.

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, all pupils will be required to wear a face covering when moving around communal areas of the school. Pupils may elect to keep their face covering on during lessons, though this is not compulsory. As a reminder, face coverings must be plain. If your child is unable to wear a face covering, please contact the school as soon as possible, and we will ensure they are supported appropriately.

I would also like to remind parents and carers of the requirement that all pupils wear a face covering whilst using public transport.

All other measures and precautions we have taken remain in place, and we are satisfied that these are working effectively to minimise the risk to pupils and staff. Although we have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 (as per my letter yesterday), we are pleased that our systems enabled us to track all close contacts rapidly and effectively. As a consequence only a limited number of Year 11 pupils required self-isolation. Importantly, all other 'Bubbles' remain unaffected at present.

With this letter there is a useful 'Frequently Asked Questions' document which may answer some of your queries.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that term ends next **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at the usual times for each year group. We return on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Should there be further changes to national or local restrictions, I will of course write to you detailing any implications for the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Simon Godden

Principal



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