



AYLESTONE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know the number of COVID cases is increasing in the community both locally and nationally.

This is also reflected in a slight upturn in the number of COVID positive cases we are seeing in school this week. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Herefordshire Public Health and following all government guidance. The safety of all students, staff and their families in our school community is our priority.

As an additional precautionary measure, from tomorrow until the end of this week, all staff and students will need to wear masks (unless exempt) in communal areas such as corridors as they are moving around the school.

The face covering or mask must be suitable for a school setting with no inappropriate wording or design. A reusable plain face mask which covers the mouth and nose only is most sensible so that students can use it more than once, as they'll need to take it on and off several times during the school day. If this isn't an option, they will need to bring in several single use face masks each day. Their face mask should be secured to their head using ear loops only.

It is vital that face masks are worn correctly to avoid inadvertently increasing the risk of transmission. A video from the World Health Organisation can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk. Please watch this with your son/daughter. Their face mask needs to cover their nose and mouth when they are wearing it. They shouldn't touch the front of their face mask or the part that's touched their mouth or nose. Safe wearing of face masks requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. A face mask should only be worn to cover the nose and mouth and should not be left hanging in any other fashion such as below the mouth or hanging from one ear. Where a face mask becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face mask should be replaced carefully. Reusable face masks will need to be washed at the end of each day, ready for your son/daughter to wear the next day.

To reassure you of the measures we are implementing at school to minimise the risks of transmission, we are continuing with regular hand sanitising, ventilation in rooms, having assemblies using Microsoft Teams and not attending some PE fixtures.

We will of course continue to review the measures we have in place and update you as necessary. If you have any questions then please contact your child's Form Tutor or Achievement Coordinator,

Best Wishes,

Simon Robertson,
Executive Headteacher