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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that on the news this morning an announcement was made that Lancashire is likely to go into a more restricted lockdown very soon. Some of you may live in one of the few Blackpool areas that are not in a restricted lockdown, but as a school we need to apply the same rules to everyone.

Therefore, from Monday (21st September) it will be compulsory for all our Baines School Community to wear a face mask when they are in the following areas:

- In corridors
- In toilets
- When leaving a classroom and moving to another room during lesson changeovers
- In eating areas when inside the building and not physically eating

It is not compulsory to wear a mask in the following areas:

- In lessons
- In your year group outside social space on the yard before school, breaks and lunchtimes.

All staff and students know that they can wear their face mask all of the time if they wish to.

This weekend, in preparation for Monday please ensure your child has clean face masks to wear at school. We will have a small supply for anyone who forgets on those one-off occasions. We will be very supportive of this new change, understanding that it takes a few days to adjust and feel comfortable when wearing a mask. I ask that you discuss the wearing of masks with your child so that we do not have any difficult conversations with anyone refusing to apply this new condition. It is also important that they hygienically put the mask on and take it off so that we do not spread germs unnecessarily.

Information about buses:

From Monday 21st September any Year 10 or 11 student boarding a double decker school bus will be asked to sit downstairs. This is compulsory. Students will be expected to stay sat down throughout the journey until they arrive at their stop. Years 7,8 and 9 will be encouraged to sit upstairs. Students should be encouraged to wear a mask during their journey.

Please discuss this with your child so they know what to expect.



It is important that our students and families follow the government guidance regarding social distancing and visiting other households so that we can try to keep each other as safe as possible.

Many thanks for your understanding as we adapt to the changing circumstances we face.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Alison Chapman
Headteacher

