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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Important- Wearing Face Masks/ Face Coverings on the school site

It has been wonderful to welcome all year groups back together this week and I wish to extend my thanks to all families for entrusting your children into our care once more.

As previously communicated, the Welsh Government guidance states that a face mask/ face covering **should be worn by visitors to all schools and colleges, including parents and carers dropping off and picking up children.** We do however recognise that some parents/ carers/ visitors may be unable to wear a face covering due to **genuine medical/ disability reasons**, and we ask politely that a lanyard is worn to avoid embarrassment or the need for staff to stop and question people.

At this time, it is crucial that we all take **collective responsibility** to keep our whole school family safe and to ensure that our schools continue remain open for face-to-face learning. I am sure that you will agree that after two periods of extended lockdown, we would all want to do everything we can to avoid any further unnecessary disruption to our children's learning.

Since our return to school, it has been very noticeable that more and more parents/ carers are **no longer wearing face masks** when they visit school. Whilst I **do not dispute any genuine medical/ disability reasons for exemption**, I strongly appeal to all parents/ carers to reconsider the safety and welfare of our whole school community for the sake of wearing a face covering during a 2-3 minute visit on site. **The staff on gates and other parents/ carers waiting in queues to drop off and collect children deserve to feel safe, respected and that the same rules and expectations apply to us all.** In particular, as Catholic



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school community, we should all feel that everyone is doing their best for the common good.

I therefore remind all parents/ carers that **everyone, except** those with a **genuine medical/ disability exemption**, should wear a face mask/ covering at drop off, collection time and until you have left the school site i.e. when waiting in queues, whilst walking across the yards /down the school drive and bus gate steps.

We all want our schools to remain open; let us all work together to ensure that this happens.

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation and understanding,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R F Acton'.

Mrs R F Acton

Headteacher