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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

## **UPDATE: WEARING FACE MASKS IN SCHOOL**

Thank you for your support so far and the relevant questions you have asked. Following discussion of our risk assessments and reopening plans, a number of precautionary measures have been implemented on the site and we are following official Government guidance supplied to schools, as outlined in my last letter.

As part of our decision-making process, we are recommending the wearing of face masks in and around the school except in classrooms. The wearing of face masks in and around school is a voluntary measure however we hope that our school community will support the decisions we have taken.

The guidance and protocol attached provides further details on the appropriate use of face masks in our school and is designed to ensure the safe operation of the school and to protect all members of our community, particularly those who are vulnerable. These precautions take account of the nature of the school site and our large student and staff population.

We hope that these Health and Safety measures will ensure that St Hilda's CE Schools can continue to operate as normal a service as possible; the health and well-being of our school community is of paramount importance. Schools are an essential part of society and the arrangements we are making are designed to ensure we are in a position to welcome all students and staff back to school.

We are confident that as parents and carers, you and our students and staff will fully understand that these measures are designed to provide the best care, not just for those in school, but also for our families and this initiative will therefore be supported with the same community spirit which typifies the attitude of those in this school. We will continue to monitor any changes to guidance and review the implementation process where necessary. Should we find ourselves to be in a position that local restrictions need to be applied, we will look to adopt official guidance and take any additional safety measures we feel are appropriate.

Kind regards,

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