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Dear Colleague

I am writing to advise you of a change to the health and safety measures we feel are necessary at all secondary schools in our trust due to the surging number of cases of Coronavirus across the UK and the increasing numbers of secondary school age children exhibiting symptoms.

Whilst the scientific evidence suggests children are less susceptible to the more serious effects of the virus, we cannot be complacent and with the winter flu season and a second lockdown upon us, it is vital that we do everything we can to ensure both the safety of our staff and students and the continued provision of a world class education.

We therefore intend to enhance safety measures to further protect our students and also our staff members without whom the schools could not function.

As such, from Monday 9th November 2020 in addition to the requirement for face coverings on school transport, all Sapientia Education Trust secondary schools will implement the following:

- face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises in indoor areas, such as in corridors and communal areas unless individual exemptions apply
- In classrooms, unless exempted, all pupils should wear face coverings
- In classrooms, unless exempted, all staff should wear face coverings, if they are unable to socially distance (2 metres separation)
- In offices unless exempted all staff should wear face coverings if unable to socially distance (2 metres separation)

Face coverings may be removed when outdoors and during lunch and breaks when eating or drinking.

Exceptions will continue to be made for those with known medical exemptions/conditions and for students participating in physical activity lessons such as PE, Music and Drama.

I can assure parents that measures will be taken to ensure that any students with special educational needs are still able to fully participate in lessons.

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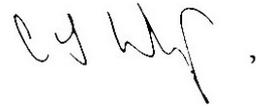
I trust that you will be reassured that we are using best endeavours to keep everyone safe and secure.

We will continue to regularly review the situation and I fervently hope we will be able to scale back these measures in the new year.

Yours sincerely



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Chris Lloyd
Health & Safety Manager

