



Cranborne Middle School



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16th November 2021

Dear Parent and Carers

We have today received another handful of confirmed Covid-19 cases, which now sees about 10% of the school population absent from school.

Having been quite fortunate as a school over the last few months, we now need to address the current trend and do what we can to reduce the number of cases within the school. Having followed a number of control measures last year, we are looking to bring back one of these measures for what we are hoping will be a short time only.

As a result, we would like to reintroduce the use of face coverings / masks within the school. Therefore from Wednesday 17th November – Friday 26th November can we respectfully request the following:

- Any adult entering the school grounds is kindly requested to wear a face covering/mask.
- Staff will also be wearing a face covering/mask in school when they are moving between lessons.
- Pupils are to wear face coverings/masks in school when they are moving between lessons.
- At the end of every lesson, end of break/lunch, end of the day pupils will be asked to put their face covering/mask on until they have reached their classroom.
- All children on a bus must continue to wear a facemask.

Although the historic national guidance is suggested that only students aged 11 or over should wear a face covering/mask, for consistency and clarity, we are going to request that children from all year groups wear a covering/mask within the school. With the exception of our current year 5's who have not yet had to wear a mask in school, we know how well the children have coped in this situation and hope that this measure remains in place for no more than a week or two.

If for any reason you do not believe that your son/daughter should be wearing a covering/facemask due to health, or other reasons, then please let the tutor know and they can issue an exemption. Please could you ensure that coverings/masks are plain or have a simple pattern and with no logos.

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We continue to be very impressed with the level of maturity shown by our students and will continue to reinforce the importance of safety through following our rules, but will do so in a supportive and encouraging manner.

This is not a route any one of us wanted to go down, however with the current number of cases, we must put the health of everyone within the CMS community first.

I thank you all for your ongoing support and wish you all ongoing good health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Stevens

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