



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well.

As you will be aware, Sefton has been placed on a 'watch list' in relation to the local infection rate increasing. All schools have received a letter from the Local Authority asking them to be revise their use of face masks where it is difficult to maintain social distancing. To date, this is not something that we felt necessary as a school to impose. However, in light of the increasing infection rate, and in line with the guidance there is no alternative but to introduce the wearing of face masks when the staff and students are in communal spaces in the zones. This will mean, that from Monday, 21st September, your child will be required to wear a face mask when moving from lesson to lesson within their zone. Please ensure they come to school equipped with a mask from this date. I am also hopeful that this will allow us to start the slow process of opening up specialist facilities such as Art rooms and PE facilities in the coming weeks in a way that will allow everyone to feel as safe and secure as possible. Please note, your child will not be required to wear a mask when eating in a communal space, when in a lesson nor when they are outside. They will also not require to wear one walking to school or for going home unless they are using public transport. It will only be required when moving from room to room at a lesson changeover within their zone. If there is a medical reason why your child should not wear a mask, please do get in touch with the relevant Head of Year.

I would also ask that any visitors entering the school site continue to observe social distancing and that they wear a face mask at all times. Again, this is now in line with a direct request from Sefton.

I am aware that there are differing views on the efficacy of face masks but all of this is in line with the local health authority's instruction and guidance. I have also had a few local businesses and people get in touch to say that some of our young people are not wearing masks when entering shops or when using the train. Again, I would ask you to stress to your son/daughter that it is very important that we all play our part in following the best scientific advice available to help reduce the infection rate.

I have nothing but praise for the staff and students here at Range who have taken to the new 'zone' model fantastically and in a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect. I am sure everyone will continue to play their part with this new amendment to the rules we are required to follow.

Your co-operation in this matter, as in everything else, is greatly appreciated. Please be assured that my top priority remains the health and safety of everyone in the school community.

Best wishes,

Mike McGarry
Headteacher