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Dear Parent and Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of the Council maintained, faith and academy schools in Halton to set out additional measures that we believe need to be put in place in response to the present COVID-19 situation.

The National rise in COVID-19 transmission rates is well documented and Halton has not been immune from the rise in positive cases. Although, rates vary across the region, and ours are at the lower end they are all significant. You may well have seen coverage of this in the local media.

Inevitably, we have had a small number of positive cases amongst pupils and staff in schools. Schools acted quickly and all necessary steps have been taken in line with Public Health England advice and as a result a number of Halton schools have had to send class bubbles home to self-isolate.

We have been in discussion with Public Health and School leaders and now as part of the Schools and Council's response to the current situation we will be introducing further precautionary measures at schools. We are asking for your help by adhering to the following recommendations:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises
- Only one adult to enter the premises for drop off and pick up
- That you arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/ collecting your child – please do not congregate and maintain social distancing as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person
- Young people avoid congregating outside school and mixing with other schools and go directly home
- All adults and pupils wear face coverings in all communal areas in secondary schools will be mandatory (except for those with an exception)
- All staff wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground during drop off and pick up times
- Ensure your household adheres to self-isolation rules

- Those traveling on dedicated school transport adhere to the mandatory wearing of face coverings that applies to public transport

I know that you will with me want to do everything you can to keep our schools open and safe and the cooperation of all parents/carers, children and young people adhering to these additional measures along with maintain social distancing, and regular hand washing and/or use of hand sanitizer is paramount.

Yours sincerely

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