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Dear parents and carers

I have referred to the high number of disposable face masks we are going through, per day, in previous letters and the need to bring reusable ones from home. This is not only taking a toll on our budget but impacting on school and the wider environment.

The quantity has now reached over 100 disposable face masks per day and the price of a box of face masks has almost doubled in the last week. There are a significant number of students routinely using them and even going back for more than one in a day. To cut down on this number we are introducing a new system from Monday in line with our missing equipment policy, students without a mask need to go to reception where they will be directed to SLT.

As with any piece of missing equipment they will need to hand over an item e.g. mobile phone or something comparable, in exchange for a face mask. This can be picked up at the end of the day from the same member of SLT.

We have seen a noticeable decrease in cases since they were reintroduced and students are, in general, very good about wearing them. This is incredibly important as the current guidance still states that a member of staff or child has to self-isolate for 10 days if they test positive. This has implications around being able to staff and deliver a full curriculum if cases were to start to increase again.

Please ask your child to bring their own reusable one from home, unless of course in rare cases they are exempt from wearing one.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Pope
Headteacher