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Dear Parent / Carer

Coronavirus Update

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well. As we enter October, I wanted to update you on our response to the Coronavirus pandemic at school.

We continue to be delighted by the behaviour and engagement of the vast number of students at George Pindar School who are coping extremely well with our new systems and procedures. The Coronavirus Code of Conduct is vitally important and students must follow this at all times for the safety and security of all members of the school community. You can find a copy of the code in the student briefing here: <http://georgepindarschool.org/sept-2020/> Please reinforce with your child that they need to ensure they remain within their bubbles both in lessons and at social times. Failure to adhere to the code will result in sanctions and your support is much appreciated.

As we continue to follow the Government and Public Health England updates, and in line with all other Hope Learning Trust schools, we are implementing the **essential wearing of face coverings** in all internal communal areas from Monday unless pupils are seated and eating in the dining or main hall. If there is a genuine reason why your son or daughter is unable to wear a face covering, please contact the Head of Year. Thank you to those families who have already done this. Please ensure that your child arrives at school with a face covering. I would also like to remind students who use public or school transport that they must wear a face covering at these times.

We have recently sent through guidance from both the Department for Education and North Yorkshire County Council regarding when you should keep your child at home. As a reminder, the main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- New, continuous cough
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- High temperature

If you or your child is suffering from these symptoms, please stay at home and arrange for a test as soon as possible by calling 119 or by visiting this website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> Please keep in touch with school to let us know your current status; this will also help us to direct your child to online resources so he / she does not fall behind with schoolwork.

The safety of our school community is paramount. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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