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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that the Department for Education have published guidance on what the new national restrictions mean for schools, colleges and other education settings. The guidance states:

Face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

This will mean that all students should have a face covering with them every day. They should wear the face covering when moving around the academy **inside buildings.**

They will not need to wear them in outside spaces. We are therefore only asking students to wear masks for a very limited time of the day.

To maintain the safety of our staff and students, we continue to maintain year group bubbles across the academy. Movement around the academy is very strictly limited and students are supervised at all times.

It is essential face coverings are worn to protect students and staff around the academy. If your son or daughter does not bring a face covering with them then one will be supplied or them.

Exemptions

If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering please contact the academy office on 01935 424454, or office@bucklersmeadacademy.com and let us know.

The guidance from the government also includes the following information:

- PE, sport, music, dance and drama lessons can continue in line with the current guidance - during school time.
- Schools must only provide team sports listed on the [return to recreational team sport framework](#)



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- Competition between different schools or colleges should not take place.
- Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular activities where they are satisfied that it is safe to do so.
- After-school clubs can only continue if their primary purpose is childcare. So wraparound care in a primary school would be fine, but a Year 8 after-school football club would not.
- The current series of exam resits should continue.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

Guidance for students who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable states:

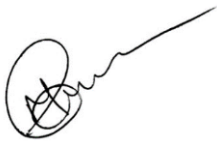
- Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education or childcare during the period this advice is in place.
- Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education or childcare.

Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice.

If you have any questions or issues with the points raised in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's tutor or Year Co-ordinator. More information will be shared as necessary.

Many thanks for all your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lawrence', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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