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Dear Students, Parents and Carers.

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I hope you are all well. This is just a short reminder to have a great weekend before school starts next week.

I have placed our full risk assessment on the school website if you would like to read it. This is in addition to my emails of this week and the detailed email from July.

Face Masks

You may have been following the debate around face masks in school. On 21 August, the World Health Organisation (WHO) updated their advice on when children over the age of 12 should wear face coverings. The WHO now advise that "children aged 12 and over should wear a mask under the same conditions as adults, in particular when they cannot guarantee at least a 1-metre distance from others and there is widespread transmission in the area". As a result, the government has revised the guidance on face coverings for staff and children in Year 7 or above in England. From 1 September new advice will apply to the use of face coverings by staff and pupils in school years 7 or above and learners in further education in England. In areas of local intervention, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils in secondary schools and colleges when moving around, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. Nationwide, schools and colleges will have the discretion to require face coverings in communal areas where social distancing cannot be safely managed, if they believe that is right in their particular circumstances.

As a consequence face masks may be worn by students in corridors and communal areas but not during lessons and are not compulsory. TRS is moving to a system of line-ups, zoned areas and silent corridors. Additionally students will be required to follow the hierarchy of controls – such as regular washing of hands. If Bromley becomes an area of local intervention then will move to mandatory face masks. It should also be noted that our Year Groups will be operating in bubbles and need only be 1 meter from other year groups and staff. Considerable effort has gone in to making this possible at the school and I am grateful for all the site staff, cleaners, Admin, teachers, SLT, Governors and Trust staff that have contributed. If you do decide to wear a mask during break, lunch or in a corridor then it must be of a single colour. I do not want a school of Darth Vader, Scream and Iron Man.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Yours sincerely

Mark O'Shaughnessy
Headteacher