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Dear parent/ carer,

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

COVID-19 cases are rising again nationally, with particular increases in the region including Warrington, which has not been immune from the rise in positive cases. You will have no doubt read and seen about the local situation on the council website, social media channels and in the local newspaper/ media. You may also have tuned in to the live broadcast yesterday, Thursday 17 September, hosted by Council Leader, Cllr Russ Bowden, Chief Executive, Professor Steven Broomhead and our Director of Public Health, Thara Raj.

In the same way Warrington is not immune from the virus, our schools and other educational settings have seen positive cases amongst pupils and staff. Affected schools have acted swiftly, and all necessary steps have been taken in line with Public Health England (PHE) advice, alongside the expertise of our local Public Health team. As a result, a number of our schools have had to send class bubbles home to self-isolate as a necessary pre-caution.

We have been in constant conversation with our school leaders and now, as part of a joint response to the current situation, we will be introducing further precautionary measures in our schools. We are asking for your help by adhering to the following recommendations:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering school, childcare premises and other educational settings
- Only one adult should enter the premises for drop-off and pick-up

- Arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/ collecting your child. Please do not congregate, and please maintain social distancing - as we know that the virus is easily transmitted when people don't keep their distance from others
- Talk to your children about the risks of congregating in groups outside schools, and mixing with other schools and go directly home
- All adults and pupils should wear face coverings in all communal areas in **secondary** schools. This is mandatory (except for those with an exception)
- Those traveling on dedicated school transport adhere to the mandatory wearing of face coverings that applies to public transport

Importantly, if you or your child is displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, including a high temperature, new, persistent cough or loss of normal taste or smell, self-isolate and book a coronavirus test immediately. Please remember, however, that you should only book a test if you have symptoms. You can find out more at warrington.gov.uk/coronavirus

I know that you will, with us, want to do everything you can to keep our schools open and safe. The co-operation of all parents/carers, children and young people in following these additional measures, along with maintaining social distancing and regular hand washing and/or use of hand sanitiser, is essential.

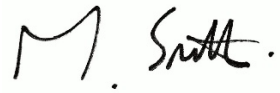
We appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely,

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