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Dear parent/carer,

From next Monday, 28th September, all staff working in Plymouth CAST schools, which includes ours will be wearing face coverings whilst outside the classroom in communal areas/corridors etc in the same way that we would in a shop or on public transport. Face coverings will not be worn in classrooms though, and pupils are not expected to wear face coverings in school.

Although the risk of transmission outside is a lot lower than indoors, our staff will still wear face coverings in the mornings during drop-offs and when the children are brought to the playground at the end of the school day. Currently, I am aware that this is the only opportunity some of you get to talk with teachers. Where possible, please try to communicate with teachers electronically on dojo or through e-mail. If it is more urgent, then please wait in the parents' waiting section and the teacher will come to you once their class has been dismissed (This area will be to the left of the railings once you get to the end of the line). At the moment, there are informal conversations happening with the teachers which then delay the queue.

Any meetings arranged where parents need to come in and speak with a member of staff will be done where all members are wearing a face covering, so please do remember to bring yours in if you are attending a scheduled meeting. We have spoken with children today about the changes so they are comfortable with these.

I am also aware that the system of collecting children is working well while the weather is nice. We are working on a wet-weather collection plan where, if you have children in multiple classes, they will be brought down together at 15:00 to save you from waiting too long.

I know all of you so far have been incredible in supporting and understanding with our changes in practice. It is another change that we have to get used to, and following the news on a daily basis, I am sure there will be further changes in the days, weeks and months to come. I urge you all to follow the guidance that we as a school are putting in place inline with the government guidelines.

These are really tricky times. If you are struggling, please reach out to us. We want to make sure you are all well, safe and healthy and will do our best to support you in whichever way you need.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Dyson

Love

Aspiration

Teamwork

Resilience

Honesty

Courage