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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will have seen on the news Warrington is now subject to local lockdown procedures. You will have also read the letter from the CEO of TCAT outlining the position of the Trust and the recommendations for all the schools and college.

In a previous correspondence I illustrated the 4 Tiers of local lockdown. I have included them again below for ease. We are now at Tier 1. Therefore, **this means that face coverings will have to be worn in corridors and communal areas.** So essentially when students are in the building and moving around they must wear one. If the students are inside at break or lunch buying food they have to wear one. The only time that a student will not be required to wear a face covering is in lessons or when they are sat down inside eating. The moment they stand up to move around a face covering must be worn. They will not be required to wear one outside at break and lunch. This unfortunately is not a choice (unless exempt) it is mandatory. Staff will be observing the same rules.

Please ensure they have a suitable face covering for Monday (21st September) morning. If they are using disposable ones then they must follow the guidance around removing them safely.

Tier 1

- Schools will remain open to all pupils but with a requirement that face coverings be worn in corridors and other communal areas of secondary schools where social distancing cannot take place.

Tier 2

- Primary, AP and special schools will remain open to all pupils, but secondary schools will move to a rota model, combining "on-site provision with remote education".
- Secondary schools will continue to allow full-time attendance for vulnerable pupils and the [children of key workers](#), with all other pupils subject to a rota. Further education providers should adopt "similar principles with discretion to decide on a model that limits numbers on site but works for each individual setting".
- The face coverings requirement will also be in place in secondary schools and colleges.



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Tier 3

- Primary, AP and special schools will remain open to all pupils, but secondary schools and FE colleges will allow full-time on-site provision only to vulnerable pupils, the children of critical workers and selected year groups which will be identified by the DfE.
- All other pupils will stay at home and be provided with remote education.
- The face coverings requirement will also be in place in secondary schools and colleges.

Tier 4

- All mainstream schools and colleges will only allow full-time attendance to vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers, with all other pupils staying home and receiving remote education.
- AP and special schools will continue to allow full-time attendance of all pupils.
- The face coverings requirement will also be in place in secondary schools and colleges.

Please can I thank you for your support and by working together and following the guidance we can hopefully keep everyone as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully

Beverley Scott-Herron

Headteacher



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of all academies within The Challenge Academy Trust, which includes Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, to set out additional measures that we believe need to be put in place in response to the present COVID-19 situation. These measures are in line with national guidance and will be imposed across all Warrington local authority schools.

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 precaution.

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.



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- All adults and pupils should wear face coverings in all communal areas in **secondary** schools. This is mandatory (except for those with an exception).
- School staff should wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground during drop off and pick up times.
- 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,

Mr A Moorcroft
Chief Executive Officer