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Dear parents and carers

The start of a new academic year

It is my pleasure to send my first letter to you as the new Headteacher at Lowton Church of England High School.

It is my privilege and honour to take on the role of leading the school to serve your child and help them succeed at school. I will have the highest expectations of each child and a deep personal commitment to ensuring we do all we can as a school to ensure your child does the very best they can each and every day.

You received a letter and pack recently from Miss Clare outlining the range of adaptations to the school day to ensure every adult and pupil in school is safe in the context of the ongoing global pandemic. Please refer to this as it gives full detail about the arrangements for all pupils starting back at school in the next few days.

Since that letter there has been additional guidance issued regarding the use of face coverings. Each school in the country has the flexibility to agree its own individual approach given its context and locality.

It is pleasing the Wigan has recently been removed as an area with heightened lockdown arrangements. We know this may change and so our arrangements will be kept under regular review.

Our approach to face coverings is outlined on the next two pages of this letter. It is set in the context of face coverings being part of an overall set of measures and arrangements we have put in place to give parents, pupils and staff the confidence to return to school and to play our part in combatting the further spread of the coronavirus.

Please read the next two pages carefully. In short, **your child will need to bring a mask to school** and will be required to use it in *some* circumstances, although most of the time they will not need to wear a mask while they are in school.

Therefore, please ensure that your child brings their own face mask into school at the start of term each and every day.

We will keep our approach under regular review and flex our approach in response to the national and local public health guidance as necessary.

I look forward to working with you and building on the strong bonds already forged between school and home to ensure your child will flourish, thrive and succeed at school.

With all best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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