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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this email finds you all well. Following the end of the National Lockdown and being placed in Tier 2 we would like to reinforce the government guidance that **all pupils and staff within secondary schools should wear a face covering in corridors and social spaces (where social distancing is difficult).**

Whilst the vast majority of pupils do this, we can no longer accept the excuse from someone that they have forgotten or lost their mask. We must all take our responsibility to protect one another seriously and the wearing of face masks is compulsory (apart from those with valid and documented exemption).

From Monday 7th December a sanction - most likely to be of loss of social time - will be applied to those who persistently fail to protect others and themselves by not wearing a mask. We would appreciate your support in emphasising the importance of a mask to your son/daughter and your co-operation in ensuring they have one **every day**.

In addition, we would like to reinforce the message that Northgate High school and DSFC continue to follow all DfE and Norfolk guidelines scrupulously, as we have since the beginning of the pandemic. Naturally, we understand this is a time of worry. Positive cases in settings as large as ours are inevitable and are communicated to you as parents as soon as we are notified of them, following guidance from the Norfolk County Council team and Public Health England.

We have been fortunate enough to be able to retain sufficient levels of staffing to be able to keep all aspects of the school and college curriculum running smoothly, with minimum disruption to students' learning. Had we been advised to close bubbles, we would of course have done so for the safety of all. The safety of pupils, staff and their families is of paramount importance to us.

Kind regards,

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