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Dear Parent/Carer,

Farlingaye, along with all other Suffolk schools, has received notification from Suffolk County Council of a change to their advice relating to measures to be taken to minimise the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

The new advice contains the following section:

From November 1st 2021, Suffolk County Council Public Health is advising;

- **Staff in education settings (specialist, primary, secondary, further and higher education) to wear face coverings in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons.**
- **Students in all secondary, further and higher education settings to wear face coverings in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons.**
- **Specialist, primary, secondary, further and higher education settings to restrict entry to their site to essential visitors only.**
- **Any visitors to wear a face covering while on-site, this includes adults collecting children in the playground.**

These measures will be reviewed during the week commencing Monday 15 November 2021.

In accordance with this advice, and in recognition of the recent rise in cases within the local area, Farlingaye will re-implement a face coverings protocol from November 1st, whereby the school will ask all non-exempt students and staff to wear face coverings in all indoor communal areas. This will not include classrooms.

Following the review of the measures by Suffolk CC, the school will review its own measures by Friday 19th November.

We would ask all families to facilitate a Lateral Flow Test before returning to school in November.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dr A Sievwright
Headteacher