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Dear Parent/Carer,

Across our Pathfinder Schools we are delighted how well pupils have settled into their new classes and how well you are supporting our schools to welcome back families whilst following the safety guidelines they have put in place.



Government guidance is changing regularly – our schools are responding to these changes so please watch out for emails, letters and texts from your child's school with any new guidance that may be relevant to you.

Face Masks

We are very aware that guidance on face masks has changed and developed throughout the pandemic and we would like to take this opportunity to update you with the current expectations across our schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Montsaye Academy

All pupils to wear masks in communal areas, corridors, whilst moving around the school and in the restaurant and café.

Primary Schools

Government guidance clearly states that '*children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering*' and this is the policy in all of our schools. However, we recognise that some pupils have particular medical needs which may require a separate risk assessment – if this is the case please contact your child's school who will ask you for information from a medical professional to support your child.


On the back of this letter is a simple flow chart to support you if a member of your family is experiencing COVID symptoms. The guidelines for the main coronavirus symptoms ([from the NHS website](#)) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any queries or questions, then please send them via email to office@pathfinderschools.org.uk.

On behalf of all Pathfinder Schools we would like to thank you and your children for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Davey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a decorative flourish at the end.

Ann Davey
CEO, Pathfinder Schools

