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Dear Parents and Carers,

From **Monday 2 November** we will be changing some of the requirements for adults, visitors and older students at our schools.

### **Hampton College (Secondary) and Hampton Gardens School - Years 7 to 13**

Students and staff will be required to wear a face-covering when entering the school building and when in communal areas of the school, such as corridors. Face-coverings will be removed during lessons, once the students are settled in their classrooms. Staff will be able to remove their face-coverings in classrooms or in offices.

Each student will need to bring their own face-covering for school and a sealable plastic bag to store it in when not in use. Face-coverings need to be suitable for a school environment.

We ask that adults coming into school reception or attending pre-arranged appointments also wear a face-covering when in school.

### **Hampton College (Primary) and Hampton Lakes Primary School**

Children in primary year groups (Reception to Year 6) are not required to wear a face-covering. Therefore, there is no change to our current arrangements for day to day school in primary years.

However, we do ask that adults coming into school reception or entering our building to drop off/collect children wear a face covering. In addition, we strongly encourage those waiting outside our building at the beginning and end of school to wear a face covering.

### **Why are the HAT schools making this change now?**

We have been following the Department for Education guidance to the letter throughout the pandemic. Whilst Peterborough is currently in the 'medium' tier of alert, we believe this is the right time to strengthen our covid security measures further for the following reasons:

- The Peterborough City Council specialist team supporting schools during the pandemic has suggested to school trusts that the time is right to consider this move. Therefore, we expect to see many other local schools making this change now.

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- Local and national infection rates are rising. As a result, we think it is inevitable that this requirement will become compulsory in secondary schools at some point between now and Christmas. Therefore, we think this is much better managed by giving families advance notice of the change and operating in this way from the very start of the new half term.
- Schools that have already implemented this measure have reported that it can be well managed and that everyone soon gets used to it (as we have all had to do in shops etc.)

A very small number of people are not able to wear face-coverings due to medical conditions or their special needs: please contact the Special Needs and Disabilities Coordinator at your child's school to discuss arrangements, if you believe this applies in your child's case.

Thank you in advance for your support. I know that you will appreciate that we are acting with everyone's safety in mind.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Price'.

**Helen Price**  
**EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**