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Dear families,

**From Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June all students and adults will be required to wear face-coverings, unless exempt, while in communal areas of Rye College. This includes corridors.**

Today, we have received a letter from the Director of Children Services, Stuart Gallimore and Director of Public Health, Darrell Gale stating that 'given the emerging situation regarding the new 'Delta' variant and the increasing cases in local schools, we support secondary schools with the reinstatement of the wearing of face coverings in communal areas from Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June until the end of term.'

The letter continues that ESCC and Public Health Sussex, 'will continue to monitor infection rates in schools and may need to consider a return to face coverings in classrooms as well should we see a significant rise in numbers.'

Alongside a review of some planned events, we feel that this is a proportionate response to the increases in rates of infection, especially in light of recent spikes in positive cases in local schools.

Another important measure to support our community is to twice weekly carry out a lateral flow test at home. Home testing is voluntary but strongly recommended. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, testing plays an important role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other. **All testing is free.**

Thank you once again for your continued support and commitment to keeping our community safe and healthy – for which we are all grateful.

If you have any further questions feel free to email [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk).

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Downes  
Head of College