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Dear Parent/carer,

Whilst the government has stated that it is down to the discretion of Principals as to whether or not students will have to wear facemasks in communal areas, Oasis has made the decision that the safety of students and staff is not discretionary and therefore the wearing of facemasks in all secondary schools will be compulsory in communal areas. At Oasis Brislington, we agree with and support this decision. The health and safety of all stakeholders must be at the forefront of every decision we make, and therefore this decision reinforces this value, which has underpinned all decisions so far.

Our guidelines for the students wearing of facemasks is as follows:

- When inside the building in communal areas they will need to wear a facemask
- Students will not need to wear a face mask in classrooms unless a member of staff needs to approach a student to support them in their learning; because of this we ask that all students keep their masks close to hand when not wearing them over their face.
- Students will not need to wear masks inside the building when they are seated and eating.
- Students will, however, need to wear them when purchasing food from any till point
- All staff will wear visors when they are teaching and face coverings when social distancing is not possible

At the start of this academic year we provided every student with a facemask that was colour coordinated to their year group. If your child does not have the complimentary mask that they were issued with then you will now need to purchase a replacement mask. Currently, on a daily basis they would have been issued with a 'disposable mask' but this is not a sustainable alternative.

Your SCOPAY account has been updated with a choice to purchase a facemask at a cost of £3.00, please can you support the academy's expectations around our facial coverings and replace your child's mask at your earliest convenience.

If you require any support with this, then please don't hesitate to contact your child's 360 Year Team Manager.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Natasha Pugh'.

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