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Dear Parents and carers,

The first 2 weeks of the new school year have gone well with students and staff settling into the new systems and routines. It has been wonderful to have full classes and year groups, to meet the new students and see the students catch up with friends they have missed over the past few months.

Attendance has been very good with the majority of students back in school. We are working hard to support families where young people haven't been able to return yet and hope to have everyone back to school as soon as possible.

Next week we will move on from our focus on social and emotional learning and students will be taught in their year group classrooms by subject teachers.

The weather so far has helped to make outdoor break times easy to manage and the students have all really enjoyed the opportunity to get outside and take part in a range of activities. We would appreciate it if parents made sure that their child was always dressed appropriately for outdoor breaks as I doubt we can rely on the good weather lasting!

As I am sure you are aware, yesterday afternoon, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care announced that the North East local authorities, including Newcastle, would be under tighter restrictions in order to limit local rates of transmission of coronavirus.

Schools remain fully open to all students and we have reviewed our risk assessments to ensure that we are following all the relevant guidance to ensure staff and students are safe at school.

As a special school with young people who have a range of complex needs, including significant difficulties with communication we will not be requiring students on the main SCP site, to wear face masks in school. Staff will continue to use personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves and visors when it is appropriate and needful to do so.

Visitors to school, including parents, will be required to wear a mask.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter or any other aspect of school, please contact the school and one of the senior staff team will be happy to talk to you.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hamilton