

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear All Parents/Carers

## **Term 2 - November 2020**

### **Wearing Face Coverings in School**

From the start of Term 2 (the week beginning Monday 9th November), and as a result of the latest guidance from the Government, we will be changing our approach to the wearing of face coverings during the school day.

The latest guidance, issued by the DfE, says "face coverings should be worn by adults and children aged 11 and above when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms or activity rooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained". (Please see the link at the bottom of this page to the DfE's guidance - 'Face coverings in education'.)

Please note that this guidance will quite possibly be subject to change.

### **Guidance for Parents and Students**

1. All students should wear face coverings for lesson changeovers, i.e. when moving from one classroom/block to another, unless exempt from wearing one (please see the link below for further details)
2. Staff will ask students to put on their face coverings at the end of a lesson and before students have stood up from their desks
3. Students should not remove their face coverings until they have arrived in their next classroom and sat down at their desks
4. Staff and students will also need to wear face coverings when leaving classrooms/blocks for Breaktimes and Lunchtimes and when returning to classrooms/blocks following Breaktimes and Lunchtimes
5. It will not be necessary to wear face coverings when outside at Breaktimes and Lunchtimes. However, students will need to wear them when collecting food from the Canteen or the Sixth Form Pod or when seeking shelter in either the Sinden Theatre or marquee on the L Block Patio
6. Students should wear face coverings if required to walk through the ground floor of the Mansion, e.g. from Reception to the side door



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7. Students should wear face coverings when visiting Sick Bay, irrespective of whether or not they are there for COVID related concerns
8. It is recommended that students have a small, sealable plastic bag to store their face coverings during the day when they are not in use
9. It is recommended that face coverings are either cleaned or replaced regularly
10. The school has a small supply of face coverings that can be issued to students should they be needed. These can be requested via Reception or from the college offices These can be requested on behalf of students via Reception or from the college offices
11. There are no changes to the wearing of face coverings on public transport, including buses - this is still a requirement
12. Students failing to adhere to these new COVID-19 restrictions may be subject to a sanction which will range from a Breaktime Study for first offences to an Alternative to Exclusion for persistent offenders
13. Face coverings should be plain and appropriate for school - nothing should be worn that could either purposefully or potentially cause offence to others
14. As was in place last term, students may wear face coverings in classrooms should they wish to do so, and staff might ask students to wear face coverings in classrooms if they are feeling vulnerable
15. Students should continue to wash and/or sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day, particularly with the need to now wear face coverings. We continue to advise all students to bring their own hand sanitiser to school

Link to the DfE's guidance - 'Face coverings in education':

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

Yours sincerely

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