



19 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Face coverings in school**

Further to the Government announcements made at the end of last week around London moving to Tier 2 COVID measures, and clarification over the weekend from the Local Authority, I am writing to confirm the arrangements we will be putting in place regarding the wearing of face masks/coverings in school in communal indoor areas. **We will be implementing fully the following from tomorrow, Tuesday 20 October:**

- All students will be expected to have a face mask/face covering with them in school;
- Students will be expected to wear a face mask/covering when in corridors, stairwells or indoors, apart from in classrooms. This will include moving into other communal areas of the school e.g. between classrooms, for specialist lessons or when queuing for lunch.

It is not deemed necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and where a face covering can inhibit learning. It is recognised, however, that it may be appropriate for some students to wear a face covering in lessons, where advised by a health professional or where they feel more comfortable doing so. We will, of course, support students wearing them in these circumstances.

Face coverings should be:

- plain in appearance, no logos or motifs;
- stored in a plastic bag (which can be closed) in a student's pocket or school bag;
- washed/replaced regularly (it is recommended that this is daily, in hot soapy water);
- used and worn appropriately.

If there are valid reasons why your child should not wear a mask, please contact your child's Head of Year and we will notify staff accordingly. We trust our students to adapt to these new practices sensibly. Students intentionally misusing a face covering will be sanctioned appropriately.

Please do get in touch if you have any further question and thank you for your support during this half term, and over the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely

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

Andrew Rees

Headteacher