

5th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Update

From today it is a national requirement that every student in Y7 and above and staff members, will have to wear a face covering while in the corridors and communal areas of the building.

The DfE Guidance says

'In addition, 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.'

'Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college.'

Students have responded really well to all the changes that we have had to make this term including extra handwashing, use of hand sanitiser, separate zones around school and different sittings at lunchtime so I am sure they will adapt to this latest measure.

I should also add that unlike the last lockdown period, attendance in school is statutory and children are expected to be here each day unless they have a valid reason to be absent. For students unable to attend we have remote learning provision through Google Classroom that they must use to access learning.

Despite the many challenges that we are facing, we are committed to doing all we can to support our school community. We will continue to make students' time in school as enjoyable as we can so that they can continue learning and being happy.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Paul Walsh