



27th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carer

In my previous letter, I stated that there may be changes to our policies and procedures in response to changes in Government guidelines. As I am sure you may be aware, there has been speculation in the media over the last couple of days with regard to the use of face masks by students.

It was confirmed last night that there is to be a slightly different approach to this. Please find an amendment to the guidelines on using face masks in school which takes place from 1st September 2020. This applies to all students in all year groups:-

Face masks for students

Students will need to bring their own personal face mask, they will be required to wear a face mask in the following areas:

- corridors
- communal indoor spaces
- dining halls (when entering, queuing and leaving)
- during changeover of lessons
- during fire evacuations
- any other area of the school where students may mix outside their bubble

Students are not required to wear face masks:

- during lessons
- in outside spaces if they are contained within their bubble
- whilst eating

Exemptions to this policy

Any student presenting appropriate medical evidence should be exempt from wearing a face mask.

Types of face masks

Students should wear face masks that comply with the following requirements:

- covers nose and mouth
- does not have any offensive or contentious words, patterns or images printed on it. Masks should be plain.

Students should not wear face coverings of the following descriptions:

- scarfs
- bandanas
- the pulling up of coats, hoodies or other clothing over mouth and nose

Wearing masks in lessons

Individual students may choose to wear a mask in lessons if they wish.

For the Year 7 Induction Day on Friday August 28th, Year 7s may wear a mask if they wish as per the guidance above.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Aldred', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Mr J Aldred
Head of School