

3rd March 2021

Dear Parent,

Re: Face Coverings

Further to the information concerning face coverings as detailed in the [Covid-19 FAQ](#) and [FAQ Crib Sheet](#), I can confirm the following:

- As per the arrangements in the Autumn Term, the Government has **recommended** that staff and pupils wear a face covering when **moving around the Academy site and in communal areas** where social distancing cannot be easily maintained.
- From 8th March, the Government has **recommended** that pupils wear a face covering in the **classroom** where social distancing cannot be easily maintained. *The Government intends to review this at end of the Spring Term (Easter).*
- On Monday 8th March, pupils will be issued (free of charge) with **one reusable** black face covering and **five disposable** face coverings. Every Monday, up to the end of the Spring Term, pupils will be issued with a further five disposable coverings which are intended to cover a school week.
- Staff are required to take a **common-sense** approach to the recommendation regarding face coverings i.e. they will remind and encourage pupils.
- Staff are **not** required to wear a face-covering in the classroom where social distancing can be maintained.
- Pupils and staff will **not** be required to wear a face covering **outside** or **when eating food** in outdoor or indoor communal areas.
- The Academy recognises that some staff and pupils are exempt from wearing a face covering – refer to guidance on [Face Coverings Exemptions](#).

I have previously made my personal views very clear on face coverings i.e. I do not like to see adults or children wearing them, but I accept the public confidence argument with the wider reopening of schools.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen
Principal