



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

28th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Important message from the Academy

On Saturday, the prime minister introduced new, temporary and precautionary, measures regarding face coverings and PCR testing in order to protect the progress we've made against the spread of covid. I ask that parents and carers please ensure their children are aware that from Tuesday 30th November face coverings are again compulsory in shops and on public transport in England. I expect schools and academies will receive further updates this week from the Department for Education and we will keep you updated as appropriate.

In light of recent developments locally and across the UK I have decided to strongly encourage students, staff and visitors to wear face coverings from Monday 29th November when they are travelling around in corridors and travelling inside the academy buildings, including social areas. Whilst we cannot mandate the wearing of face coverings we now strongly encourage this. At present we are not encouraging the wearing of face coverings once inside the classroom, however those who wish to do so are welcome and we will keep this under review in light of latest government guidance.

It is healthy and important that whenever possible each day, students spend some time outside to walk around, socialise more readily and to burn off some pent up energies having been inside for lessons. We ask for parents and carers to please ensure their children bring a suitable waterproof coat to wear at the academy each day to provide warmth and protection from the elements, however please be assured that students will be directed inside the building during wet or particularly inclement weather.

As I always I appreciate your support, especially during this time of increased national uncertainty.

Kind regards

Matt Robertson

Principal

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