

28th August 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

I'd like to firstly apologise for yet another letter that I need to send to you here before your child restarts their on-site education at the school next Thursday but I need to give you an update on the requirements around face coverings for secondary pupils in England.

In the letter you received earlier this week from me I informed you that the Government's current advice was that face coverings were not required to be worn by students and staff in the school setting. As many of you will no doubt be aware, this is in contradiction to the World Health Organisation's announcement on the 21st of August which said that over 12s should wear face coverings for additional protection when interacting with others.

The Government has now just informed schools that all over 12s will now need to fall in line with the WHO's advice so, in order to meet the new safety requirements, all children attending the school on Thursday will need to have a face covering with them when they are moving around the school site. Please note that students and staff will not be expected to wear their face coverings in classrooms.

You're probably not surprised to hear that I am frustrated with the lateness of this latest change in policy, especially as it is so close to the start of term now but I am now satisfied that again common sense has prevailed and this new development will help us keep everyone safer.

Your child will be fully briefed on the morning of their return as to how this will all work at school and we will ensure that all students follow the rules that are laid down for them.

As I said previously, please do feel free to contact me if you have any questions with the above or anything else that you feel I can help you with.

Best wishes



Gary Nelson  
Headteacher