

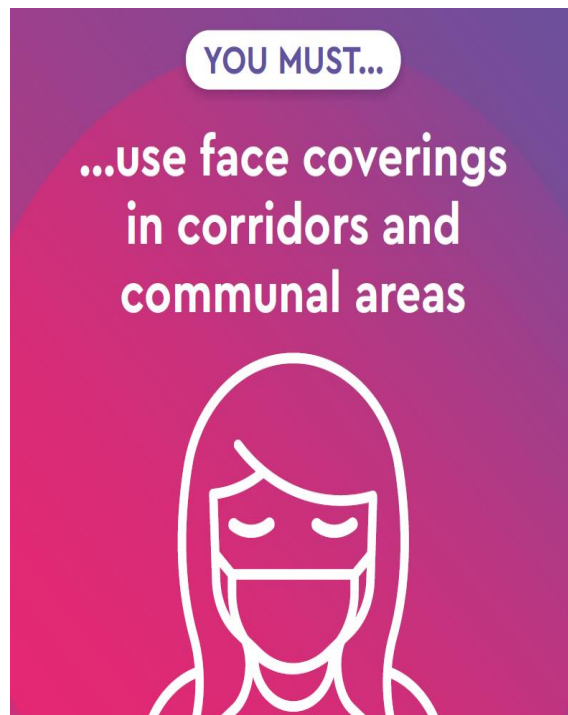
24th September 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you and those around you well. It has been wonderful to see pupils back in school. Thank you for all your support with this. We appreciate that coming back to school after such a long period of absence will have been difficult but they have done extremely well, and our staff are absolutely committed to doing all they can to support them. We have already seen some disruption to learning and we know that has not been easy for pupils or parents, however this is necessary as we play our part in the national test and trace system. In these situations our staff will continue to deliver remote learning.

Following the address by the Prime Minister this week we have further reviewed our arrangements and have decided that in the interests of all staff and pupils at our schools it is necessary that face coverings are now mandatory in all communal areas and at any time where social distancing is more difficult. Pupils are not required to wear them in lessons as they are facing forward and other measures are in place as part of our bubbles however should they wish to they can do so.

If your child has any of the COVID-19 symptoms as shown below they must not attend school and you should book a test. You should only book a test if your child has any of these coronavirus symptoms.



If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms. If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms. A letter from NHS England detailing these points and further clarifications can be found on the academy websites.

As we navigate these difficult and unsettling times we remain very grateful for your support. We will continue to keep you informed of any updates through our academies. We would encourage you to contact them if you have any queries.

Best wishes

Marion Plant OBE
Chief Executive Officer

