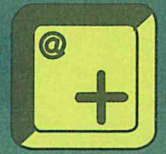




Perryfields High School and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this finds you and your families well.

As you are aware, since Sandwell moved into local restrictions under tier two guidance, the wearing of face masks has been mandatory when moving around the school site. Following the government's decision to introduce a second national lockdown, I am obliged to remind you that students and staff must wear face coverings in all indoor communal areas such as corridors when moving around school, in social spaces such as the hall, in queues and the LRC. Students are not required to wear face coverings during lessons, but we support any that wish to do so. They will also not be required when eating or drinking in the dining hall.

The guidance released by the Department for Education on 4th November states:

In schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings and we expect adults and pupils to be sensitive to those needs.

Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college.

In line with government guidance, individuals who are exempt from wearing face coverings are those who:

- *cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability*
- *speak to or provide assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate*

If you have already provided us with medical evidence that your child is exempt from wearing a face mask, we will not require to see it again. However, if you have since been informed of such by your GP, please do let your child's form tutor or Head of Year know.

We do have a supply of disposable masks if your child does not have one, that can be purchased from reception or the G20 office for 20p. A reminder that students are free to wear their own masks as long as they are appropriate.

If you would continue to support us by reminding your child to bring a mask to school every day and also to ensure they are frequently washing their hands, using hand sanitiser and maintaining their distance from others, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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