



The Sutton Academy
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

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Dear Parent/Carer

Due to the increase in positive cases in St. Helens and the Liverpool City Region, the local authority have written to all Secondary Schools requesting that they reintroduce the use of masks on site.

At the moment the academy has only had a very small number of cases in recent months but to ensure the safety of staff, students and loved ones at home, **from Monday 21 June masks will once again be compulsory on corridors and in communal areas.**

We strongly recommend that students and staff wear masks in classrooms but at this point are not making them compulsory. If cases locally or at the academy rise, then we will consider making them compulsory in classrooms again.

Can parents/carers please make sure their child has their mask with them each morning. Students who don't have masks will be stopped at the gate, provided with a disposable mask at the cost of 50p. Parents will be contacted immediately to ensure that you are aware they have arrived without a mask, and to arrange payment if the student was unable to pay on the gate.

There are circumstances where a student or a member of staff might be exempt from wearing a mask and we still have a list of those students.

Can I once again request that parents conduct the Lateral Flow Tests on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, recording the result on the NHS website. This reduces the chance of a student attending without symptoms but with Covid.19. Please do not use these tests if a student has symptoms, a more accurate PCR test should be booked in these circumstances.

I understand there may be a range of views on Covid-19 and masks but we should take all measures to protect the most vulnerable in our community. Wearing a mask on site is a small price to pay if it adds an extra layer of security for those students, teachers and families.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton
Principal

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