

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Dear Parent/Carer

18 November 2020

As you will be aware, when the decision was made for the country to go into a second lockdown, it was made compulsory for students in secondary education to wear masks around the site. The academy had already made this compulsory in September and purchased each student three masks. Currently we are having a growing number of students arriving to the academy without masks, with the academy again providing masks for those students to ensure everyone is kept safe.

Can we please request that you ensure your child has their mask with them before leaving in a morning. Students who do not 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 you are aware they have arrived without a mask and to arrange payment via ParentPay if the student was unable to pay on the gate.

Students in general have been exceptionally good wearing masks, with only reminders needed for some students when they have forgot to put them back on. It is a compulsory requirement and failure to do so will result in exclusion. There are circumstances where a student or a member of staff might be exempt from wearing a mask and we now have a list of those in this group.

I understand there may be a range of views on Covid-19 and masks but no one can argue that 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.

Yours faithfully

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Mr P Willerton Principal



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