

29 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you today to provide further guidance as it's very likely that Derby will become a Tier 2 'High Alert' lockdown area in the next few days. This will bring increased level of restrictions and you need to know how this will affect your child.

The school will remain open to all students but we will now need to make the wearing of masks **compulsory** in all communal areas and corridors. We have up until now strongly encouraged the wearing the face coverings, but this will now change.

The government guidance is clear where local restrictions are in force: 'In Education settings where pupils and students in Year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by staff, visitors and pupils/students when moving around in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/facecoverings-ineducation>

It will not be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower and may inhibit teaching and learning. However, students and staff can wear them if they wish.

As a consequence of the updated position, we are required to implement compulsory face coverings from **Monday 2nd November** in corridors and communal areas for all users of the site. I would like to politely request that all students bring coverings with them from Monday and use them throughout the day.

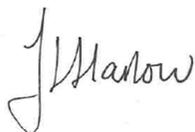
We found, during the previous half term, students found it harder to remember their masks on days when they had PE, so please can you remind your child to check before they leave home.

I greatly appreciate the support from parents and carers to date, and I would like to thank you for your patience as we work together to ensure our school is able to remain open and continues to deliver high quality teaching and learning experiences to our young people.

These are extraordinarily challenging times.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe



Ms J Harlow
Headteacher