



2nd November 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Face Masks in Communal Areas

Please be aware that, from Wednesday 3rd November staff and pupils **MUST** wear a face covering in all communal areas (on corridors, in assembly hall, dining areas) in Wigan secondary schools. COVID-19 prevalence is high at present, and Public Health Wigan have made this decision to reduce the risk of transmission, and to support the vaccine roll out. This measure will be subject to on going review.

This is a directive from Wigan Council and is fully supported by The Dean Trust.

Some staff and pupils are medically exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who:

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

If you need to inform us your child is medically exempt from wearing a face mask in school then please contact your child's head of year and share the exemption evidence from a medical professional for our records.

Face coverings for pupils must be plain; scarves/neck warmers are not permitted. It is the pupils responsibility to bring a face mask and a spare to school each day.

Pupils managed the process of using face masks superbly during the last academic year to keep each other safe. I am sure pupils will have no problems getting straight back in to the habit of putting on a face covering as they leave a class and taking it off when they arrive at a class. We will speak with pupils in classes on Wednesday morning to discuss this routine and provide advice and guidance.

Positive PCR test of a household member:

Please note that the guidance has recently changed and your child does not need to isolate whilst waiting for PCR results if not showing symptoms. If a member of your household tests positive, please follow current guidance:

- Start daily LFD testing as soon a member of the household has tested positive
- Have a PCR test as per national guidance
- Only attend school if the daily LFD is negative
- Household contacts do NOT need to stay at home until they receive their PCR test result
- Continue to LFD test for a period of 10 days even if the PCR is negative
- If a child develops Covid symptoms or returns a positive LFD test, they must start to self-isolate and go for a PCR test immediately

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As always, thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Best Wishes

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