

KDS/JSS

9 September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

Face Masks

Following the government's tightening on restrictions, from Monday 14 September 2020 we will require students and staff to wear face coverings in the school communal areas inside. This includes movement between lessons, the school canteen, toilets and offices.

It is our priority to keep the school safe and operational and we believe this measure will help us do just that. We make this decision in the belief that wearing face coverings will enhance the preventative measures we already have in place in terms of the carrying and the transmitting of Covid-19. We are committed to caring for the whole community and this includes the school.

Exceptions to wearing face coverings indoors include –

- Face coverings may be removed once students are seated in their classrooms where other measures are enforced, such as good ventilation and regular cleaning. Teachers may ask students to put face coverings back on in lessons, for instance where students are asked to move or partially face each other in pairs or small groups.
- When students are eating a meal.
- Health conditions should not normally prevent a person wearing a face covering. Exceptions should be agreed with the school matron, Anji Hinton.
- Being outside.

Students will be made to wear face masks in classes for the following staff:

- Mrs Howat, Food, Cherbourg
- Mr Downs, Music, Shakespeare
- Mrs Lehrle-Fry, Science, Shakespeare

It is the responsibility of students and staff to provide their own face masks. The school will have a small contingency of masks in case of emergency such as forgetting it or soiling. You must not touch the front of the mask when removing it.

Face masks must be replaced regularly if disposable or washed if they are reusable.

All students and staff must carry a re-sealable plastic bag to place their face mask in when they are not being used.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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