

THE LEIGH ACADEMY



4th September 2020

JCO/GPE/C19FM

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of Week Update

We have spent this week ensuring the safe and gradual return of our students to on site learning. It has been wonderful to see our students and welcome them back in person. By Friday we have had all year groups return to us with only Year 12 still to join with us all on Monday.

Students have very sensibly followed guidance and new routines put in place as measures to keep everyone safe.

Many of you will have seen the Government statement regarding the use of face coverings and the government guidance published on 28th August re the opening of schools. At the moment, use of face coverings is not recommended in schools but Headteachers have been given the discretion to make them compulsory in corridors and communal areas. As we have a system of control measures in place we have been able to reduce numbers in corridors and there is no mixing of year groups in communal areas, we believe that, at present, there is no need to make the wearing of face coverings compulsory. We will review this regularly. However, if a member of staff or student feels that a face covering will give them more confidence in returning to the academy, then they are more than welcome to wear one. If for example, when moving between lessons, your child intends to wear a face covering it should be plain for purposes and not interfere with learning.

We will be developing guidance for wearing face coverings and will share this with parents/carers and students soon. This will be useful for students in and outside of the academy. All visitors, including parents/carers are asked to wear face coverings when attending any meetings on site. Please do email info@leighacademy.org.uk or phone 01322 620400 if you wish to make a virtual or in person appointment.

The situation may change over the next few weeks and in the future face coverings may become mandatory in schools based on local transmission rates or even a local lockdown and we will communicate this to you as soon as any future decisions are made. It is important that students adhere to the entrances, exits and zones for their year group bubble, as well as walk to the left when transitioning between areas, to ensure their own safety and that of others, so please do discuss this with your son/daughter.

Thank you for ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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