

THE LEIGH ACADEMY



10th September 2020

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Face Coverings/Masks

Following on from my letter dated 9th September 2020, I am pleased to report that the majority of students are continuing to follow our control measures sensibly. However, as we have run through the timetable this week with all students on site it is evident that there are times of transition between lessons or zones within the building when it is difficult to maintain the distancing when staff and students are moving around.

Therefore, we have taken the decision that as from Monday 14th September 2020, face coverings/masks will be compulsory outside of the classrooms in areas such as corridors and communal areas. Students will be expected to bring a face covering/mask with them to the academy each day and wear it when moving between classes and zones of the building. Face coverings/masks will not be compulsory in the classroom, although students may decide to wear them in lessons if they wish; as long as they are not having a negative impact on their learning.

Staff and visitors will all wear face coverings/masks when moving around the building. Staff will also be able to wear a face visor within the classroom, when teaching if they wish.

I would ask therefore that parents/carers provide their children with at least one face covering/mask to wear in the academy each day. If it is a fabric face covering/mask it should be clean each day. If it is a disposable face covering/mask then it should be a new one each day. Students should also have a small plastic bag to put their face covering/mask into when they are not wearing it e.g. a plastic sandwich bag to keep in their pocket would be ideal. The face covering/mask should be plain, without any logos or images so as not to attract attention or distract students from the core business of learning.

Students may also find it useful to have their own small bottle of hand sanitiser for ease of use. Although, we will of course continue to have hand sanitisers available in every classroom and around the site, as well as continuing to encourage children to regularly wash their hands.

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One of the focus of the tutor time sessions this week has been the safe wearing and removal of face coverings and I include here the link to the presentation and the video students have watched https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eBEUQkWVA_TsKNVL_tAB4v8MfobmAIIsBwig9EqTtLM/edit?ts=5f58eda9#slide=id.g92abe9b73f_0_341

In addition, enclosed on the slides is the link to the government guidance on the wearing of face coverings in schools.

All students are expected to follow all protective measures in place at The Leigh Academy and failure to comply with these instructions could result in sanctions in line with The Leigh Academy Behaviour Policy.

If you feel that your child is exempt from wearing a face covering/mask due to a medical need, or you would like help to provide your child with the required face covering/mask and plastic bag, then please contact your child's year group 'bubble' admin office.

Thank you in advance for your support with this. Our priority is to continue to review and implement measures to keep all staff and students on site as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully



Julia Collins
Principal