



Wath Academy

Dear Parent/Carer

Compulsory Wearing of Face Coverings

We write to inform you that, with effect from Monday 19 October it will be compulsory for all students to wear a face covering when moving around the school building.

We are committed to doing everything we can to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, their families and all other members of our learning community. We are also determined to protect the learning of our students given the significant disruption they have already endured over the last 6 months because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

To clarify, from Monday 19 October students will be required to wear face coverings at the following times:

- When moving around the school building and when moving around dining areas
- When queueing to purchase food and/or drinks from school outlets
- When inside the school building, before and after school and at breaks and lunches.

Students will be able to remove face coverings at the following times:

- When in classroom
- When outside
- When in the PE changing rooms
- When doing PE
- When seated in dining spaces and outside.

All facemasks worn must be plain and have no visible logos. They should also not be extreme in colour.

To support this strategy, we can confirm that staff will also be wearing face coverings when travelling around school and in communal areas.

Students can choose to wear a disposable or re-useable face mask; however, it is essential that they put on, take off and store their face mask properly to protect against transmission.

We would be grateful if you could remind your child that they should never share their face mask with another person. If your child is one who catches the bus to and/or from school, we would also be grateful for your support in reminding them that the wearing of face coverings is compulsory on public and school transport.

If your child is subject to a medical exemption, or if there is any other reason why you believe your son/daughter should not wear a mask, you will need to make contact with the school. We will arrange for all students who are exempt to be issued with a badge which they must wear at all times when in school to indicate they are not able to wear a face covering.

We thank you in advance for your support with this as we continue to do all we can to keep every member of our community safe. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact via email at enquiries@wathacademy.com

Yours sincerely

Liam Ransome

Principal