



## Head Teacher Newsletter

### 18 September 2020

Further to the announcement regarding the North East of England being part of a local lockdown strategy, I have enclosed further guidance on the use of face masks. The guidance is clear and that is that all staff and students are required to wear a face mask in communal areas and corridors until the lockdown has been lifted. All secondary schools within the borough will be following this procedure from Monday.

I have spoken to all students this morning and they understand our decision. I hope that all parents will support us with these measures, as they are intended to ensure safety within large groups and hopefully have an impact on reducing the transmission rate of this disease. If any student is exempt from wearing a mask, can you let our pastoral team know as soon as possible. The school has spare masks for any student who does not have one. Our pastoral team will be distributing them on Monday morning, if and when required.

I would like to thank everyone for the excellent start we have had to the term so far. The staff have been excellent and are supporting our students by ensuring that our near to normal curriculum is being taught during this uncertain period. The students have been superb and have followed our new systems and procedures with care and attention. I would also like to thank parents for adapting travel arrangements and routines to support our new opening and closing times. We appreciate all that you are doing to assist us with our plans.

To date, we have had no confirmed Covid 19 cases but we are prepared for when this issue arises. I have attached the parental guidance sheet for dealing with suspected Covid 19 for your information. Our Attendance team are contacting parents as and when required and if isolating any students displaying Covid symptoms. They are sent home to isolate and to get a test arranged as soon as possible.

There are links below to the guidance on local lockdowns, Covid 19 procedures and the government's advice on wearing masks.

Thank you for your continued support in all of these matters and continue to stay safe.

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Face Coverings In Education



Covid-19 Absence Checker



Local Lockdown Restrictions

