

7th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Face Coverings in School for Secondary Students

You will be aware of the national coverage on the Covid-19 Delta variant during the past few days and the rising case numbers in Birmingham, most of which are linked to this new variant.

The Director of Public Health Birmingham, Dr Justin Varney, has identified a significant rise in the case rates among secondary school age children and the case rates are significantly higher than any other age group in the city.

The position is being tracked and any formal decision to introduce any measures will be endorsed at national level. Birmingham have not as yet had that endorsement nationally, as current rises although rapid remain outside the top 10% nationally, but there are ongoing discussions in light of local concern.

In view of this and as we prepare for the second half of the summer term, we have reviewed our risk assessment and decided to ask secondary aged students to **continue to wear face coverings at all times whilst in school, within classrooms and in communal areas, inside**. We will review this requirement on a regular basis and based on information received from Public Health England. Any changes will be communicated with you.

We would also like to encourage all eligible individuals to take up the vaccine offer as evidence is showing that this helps to protect individuals from serious illness from Covid-19.

We thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Ela McSorley
Principal All-Through