



The Winstanley School

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Dear Parent/Carer

On Tuesday the government made the following announcement:

- From September 1st in local lockdown areas, children in year 7 and above should wear face coverings when moving around the school, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

The Winstanley School is not in a local lockdown zone however, many of our students come from Leicester City where lockdown restrictions have been in place most of the summer and may well continue. All secondary school students in the City will have to wear face masks and many Leicestershire secondary schools have decided to follow suit.

Since the government advice changed on Tuesday regarding face masks, we have been discussing the best way forward to put the guidelines in place. The most important thing is that everyone in the Winstanley community is as safe as possible. The measures that we have put in place such as year group zones, one way systems, staggered breaks and lunchtimes are all there to protect students. Our rulings/guidance on face masks when I last contacted you was that students could choose to wear face masks. Having considered the government's announcement, we have come to the conclusion that we need to change our advice on face coverings:

- All students **should wear face masks at the following time:**
 - When entering and exiting the school gates
 - When they move to a different classroom
 - During their social time - but not when seated in the Main Hall or other food provision areas
 - At the moment the advice regarding face masks in lessons is the same - if a student wishes to wear them they may, but they are not expected to

The rules to ensure the proper wearing of face masks will remain the same:

- They must be the type attached behind the ears and not the bandana type
- The design must be suitable for school and in line with professional dress. As a simple guide there should be no large writing or pictures on them. Please contact us if you need further clarification
- They need to be worn properly and students need to avoid touching them
- When they aren't being worn they should be placed in a plastic bag
- Students must remove them on request by any adult - they must not be used to attempt to conceal the child's identity and therefore must never be worn in combination with a hood
- They must be disposed of, or washed daily



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Thank you for all your support and understanding. We have had a great start with the students who are in school and we can't wait to see the rest of the students on Tuesday. I am aware that there are many challenges in all of this situation, however, we are doing all we can to ensure that your son or daughter are safe and our new rules on face masks are part of this. Please do feel free to contact me at the school if you wish to talk about any aspects of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Dave Bennett
Head of School