

Monday 14th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are aware, Sandwell, Birmingham and Solihull are now in a Tier 1 local lockdown. This means we are changing a small number of things we do in the Academy as from tomorrow, Tuesday 15th September 2020. All these changes are designed to keep all staff and students as safe as possible at a time where the Covid-19 R number is increasing in our area.

All students must bring a face covering (such as a mask) to the Academy every day. Students will not need to wear face coverings outside, in lessons or in the dining areas but **will need to wear face coverings in corridors, stairways and changing rooms**. We do expect all students and staff to wear face coverings in these areas as masks do not limit oxygen levels at all and are safe for asthmatics. No student is ever in a corridor or stairway for more than a few minutes at a time. Any student who wishes to wear their face covering at all times is more than welcome to do so.

We are seeking to limit the use of the PE changing rooms. If your child has practical PE they may wear their Q3 (or old ACE) sports kit all day so they do not have to get changed. However, if the weather is poor (such as it is raining) you may wish to send your child with their uniform to change into afterwards. This does not apply to students without Q3/ACE sports kit who currently wear their own clothes for PE. These students must wear uniform to and from the Academy and bring clothes to change into. Face coverings must be worn in the PE changing room.

At this time more than any other time ensuring we have your up to date contact numbers and email addresses is essential. Please download the free ClassCharts app onto your phone or device and ensure you can login. Your children should do the same as all work will be set via ClassCharts. Even if there is a partial closure, those children who have not been completing work at home (for whatever reason) will be expected to continue attending the Academy so that there is no disruption to their education.

Yours sincerely,



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