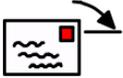




Thursday 27th August 2020

### Face Coverings for Students



Dear parents/Carers,

We are so glad to be fully reopening Ellesmere College from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September although it clearly comes with its challenges as we endeavour to follow the government's guidance to keep our whole community safe.

The government have recently confirmed that from the 1<sup>st</sup> September pupils in year 7 and above should wear face coverings whilst moving around corridors in areas where additional lockdown measures exist. This includes schools in Leicester City. Students will not be expected to wear face coverings within the classroom or outside spaces.

We have already taken measures to reduce contact between pupils including staggered start/end times, different breaks/lunch, moving to lessons using the outside of the building, extra cleaning and hand washing and the introduction of bubbles.

In years 7, 8 and 9 there are limited times pupils move around corridors as pupils are mainly taught in their classrooms. Movement is increased for years 10-14.

There are certain exemptions for young people with physical or mental health difficulties and we have been asked to establish with parents on an individual basis whether or not it is appropriate for your child to wear a face mask.

- If you would like your child to wear a face covering you will need to supply a suitable face covering. Staff will encourage your child to wear the covering whilst moving around internal corridors.
- Your child will need to be able to attach and detach their own face covering themselves. Staff will be unable to assist with this.
- If you decide that your child should be exempt, then it is ok for them to wear a mask at times if they choose to wear one.
- However, if you decide that your child should not be exempt then they will be expected to wear one at all times in communal areas of school. If you feel they may be unable to do this for any reason they should be considered exempt.



Please return the reply slip with your child on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept indicating whether or not you feel your child should be exempt from wearing a face covering at all times in communal areas. We are very much looking forward to our full reopening on Tuesday. Thank you so much for your continued support as we continue to navigate these uncertain times.



Kind regards



Steph Beale  
Principal

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**Please return this reply slip to Jo Mason**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to wear a face covering when moving around the internal corridors. I can confirm that I will provide a suitable face covering. I acknowledge Ellesmere staff will positively encourage my child to wear a suitable face covering in relation to Government guidance.

I feel that my child should be exempt from wearing a face covering due to their individual needs, although I acknowledge that they may choose to wear one at times.

Parent's signature:

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