

23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you on our coronavirus health and safety procedures, especially in light of the two positive cases we have had at Goodwin Academy this week. We continue to follow all government and Public Health England guidelines on social distancing and infection control, and are confident that we are continuing to take all necessary health and safety actions to ensure Goodwin Academy is a safe learning environment.

During Term 1, students were permitted to wear face masks if they wished and some staff chose to wear visors. At a time when positive Covid-19 cases seem to be rising nationally and to further improve our safety measures, from Monday 2nd November, all students and staff will be required to wear face coverings in communal areas inside the school building. These areas include, and are not limited to, corridors, designated year group dining areas (when not eating or drinking), Wellbeing Centres and toilets.

Students may continue to wear face masks in the classroom / in a lesson if they so wish. Students will see some members of staff choosing to wear visors during lessons and all visitors will continue to be required to wear a face covering.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide students with a face covering following the below expectations.

What face covering is permitted?

- Plain single colour “face covering” which covers the mouth and nose held in place by straps around the ears as displayed.



- Patterned or adorned “face covering” are NOT permitted nor are face coverings with images or logos.
- No other type of face covering (e.g. scarf or bandana) are permitted.



What will happen if a student wears a face covering that is not permitted?

- They will be required to remove the face covering and on the first occasion will be given a disposable mask.
- They will be required to hand the face covering in to Wellbeing staff for the rest of the day.
- They will be able to pick the face covering up at the end of the school day.
- Students who repeatedly are found to be wearing non-permitted face coverings in school will be subject to the school's behaviour policy for failure to comply with Covid related instructions.

Looking after the face covering:

- Students are expected to look after their own face covering and follow government guidance on wearing their face covering.
- Whenever a student takes off their face covering it must be safely put away or disposed of in a bin.

Student Exemption:

If you believe your child should be exempt from wearing a face covering on medical grounds – please discuss this with a member of the Wellbeing Team.

These additional controls will be reviewed regularly and I will keep you updated on any changes. Thank you once again for your continued support and I wish you a safe half term break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Smith
Principal