

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the announcement of a national lockdown which commences on the 5th November 2020, the government has issued revised guidance for schools on new measures to be put into place during the lockdown period.

The guidance states that with effect from 5th November 2020, face coverings should be worn by adults and children aged 11 and above when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms or activity rooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Full guidance can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020>

- As of Monday 9th November 2020, we will be asking pupils to wear face masks in school when they are moving between lessons and when they are not in their own 'bubbled' spaces or classes. We would like all pupils to be wearing a face mask when they arrive at school until they have reached their classroom.
- At the end of every lesson, end of the school day and when in communal shared spaces, pupils will be asked to put their masks on until they have reached their classroom, or left the school premises.
- It is currently mandatory for all pupils who travel to school on public transport who are aged 11 or over to wear a face covering and this guidance remains in place.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate face mask when they return to school on 9th November 2020. We are mindful that we are a community whose youngest members are 11 years old, and therefore face masks must be appropriate for a school setting, with no inappropriate slogans etc.
- If any pupils have a specific medical exemption from wearing a face covering, please notify fastudentservices@turnerschools.com before 4pm on Friday 6th November 2020.

Face masks must be worn and removed correctly and the link below provides advice on the wearing of face masks which we suggest you share with children before they return to school on Monday 9th November 2020: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMSqc9SpbJc>.

It is essential for the safety of both our staff and pupils that we adhere to the guidance issued by the government. Pupils **MUST** wear face masks appropriately and any misuse will lead to our behaviour policy being deployed in order to safeguard our community, including sending pupils home for persistent non-compliance.

We appreciate that this is a significant change for our pupils and we will be working with them to ensure they are fully supported whilst we implement the new guidance within our school. We will be discussing the use of face masks with all pupils in tutor time and will continue to remind students regularly of how to wear, handle and store their face masks.

The safety and wellbeing of our students, and staff, continues to be our absolute priority and we have worked incredibly hard over the last few months to implement all government guidance so that we can continue to provide your child with an education in a safe environment.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Shaw', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Shaw
Head of School