

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Re: Face Coverings**

Dear Parent,

Further to my letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, I have updated section 4.6 in the attached FAQ.

In recent days, I have received some enquires regarding the decision to require face coverings in corridors and communal areas and have therefore sought to provide further clarity on this decision.

Personally, I do not like face coverings nor do I like to see children or adults wearing them. However, the Academy's estate/layout does not lend itself particularly well to geographical segregation of year groups without compromising the delivery of the curriculum.

To allow the delivery of a normal timetable, I believe that wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas would assist, along with other measures, to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19. I will, of course, keep this under review.

I recognise and respect that some staff and pupils will be exempt from wearing a face covering. Further, given that currently there are no local restrictions (i.e. lockdown) in Southend, I intend to take a common sense approach to encouraging pupils and staff to wear face coverings.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal