



30th October 2020

**Re: Face Coverings in School**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote to you on the 20th October to outline new guidance to schools in relation to the newly introduced national tiers of alert for Covid19.

From this weekend, Luton is moving to a high level of alert for Covid19 due to the rise in cases in the town.

This means that from Monday 2nd November, face coverings will be mandatory for students and staff when entering and moving around inside the school buildings. Students may remove their face covering when sitting at their classroom desk in their assigned seating position. They may also remove them when outside at break and lunchtimes.

**Please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable face covering that is plain in colour (ideally white or black) and that they have a sealable bag to place this in when it is removed.**

Students will be required to sanitise their hands before taking off or putting on a face covering in line with Government guidelines.

If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering for medical reasons, please ensure that Matron is informed and provided with written confirmation from a medical professional. This can be emailed to [admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk). Students in this category will be permitted to wear a sunflower lanyard so that others are aware of their exemption.

In addition, your child will need to continue to social distance when travelling to and from school as well as during social times in school. The vast majority of our students have been careful to follow these rules that are for the safety of everyone. Please reiterate the importance of this to your son/daughter.

Please see the information below that we have received from the Local Authority regarding this and the link to the full guidance on face coverings in schools for your information.

**Face coverings in secondary schools – important change to guidance due to high alert level**

Because Luton is moving up to the high COVID19 alert level, from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, the guidance around face coverings in secondary schools changes:

*“When an area moves to the local COVID alert level ‘high’ or ‘very high’, in education settings where year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults (staff and visitors) and pupils when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social*

*distancing is difficult to maintain. As in the general approach, it will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning.”*

Taken from full guidance on face coverings which can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience during these challenging times. I hope you and your family remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Burrige  
Headteacher