

2nd October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### Use of Facemasks

As you will be aware, we have continually reviewed the use of facemasks in communal areas in our academies. As the number of coronavirus cases continues to rise in the region, many areas are now subject to further local restrictions, including Middlesbrough.

I have therefore decided that students and staff will now be required to wear a facemask in communal areas. This will be implemented from Monday 5th October. This means that your child will now need to wear a mask in all communal areas but not when they are sitting down in the dining hall or outside during break or lunch time.

Students and staff are **not** required to wear facemasks in classrooms.

I am aware that some students will be exempt from wearing a facemask. The list of exemptions is available [here](#). If your child is exempt, please contact the academy.

Students will be expected to put their facemask on at the academy gate and if you are unable to provide your child with a facemask, please ask them to speak to their learning manager.

I'm sure you will appreciate that this measure has been brought in to ensure the safety of children and staff and to try to reduce the risk of Covid-19.

If you have any queries please raise them with your child's learning manager in the first instance.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for working with us during these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully



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