

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18
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COVID-19 UPDATE 3

4th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. The students have had an excellent start back to school following the half term break.

As I have always done, I am writing to inform you of some updated guidance to the wearing of face coverings. This was released by the Department for Education at 3.30pm this afternoon. A summary of the key points is included on page 2 of this letter and the full details are available via this link:

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

From tomorrow, all students and staff should wear face coverings when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms such as in corridors and communal areas. Whilst the guidance says "should" and not "must", as a school, we therefore recommend the use of face coverings in these areas, unless an individual has an age, health or disability reason for not wearing one. Face coverings should be worn correctly, ie fully covering the mouth and nose.

The only places where face coverings do not have to be worn are in classrooms and whilst eating at break time or lunch time. They should be worn at all other times.

There are COVID bins in each classroom where disposable face coverings can be placed and if students bring in reusable face coverings, they should have a plastic bag where it can be stored.

Face coverings should be non-offensive and should be worn properly in accordance with the guidance.

As the number of confirmed cases increase nationally, please may I draw your attention again to the [Guidance for Parents - COVID-19 Related Student Absence](#). This provides details of the actions in relation to school attendance that should be taken in the event of a student or member of their household having symptoms of the illness.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Please stay safe and well,

Yours sincerely

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The key points are as follows:

Face coverings

- Face coverings will be mandatory in communal areas of secondary schools and colleges. They will still not be recommended in classrooms.
- Face coverings will be mandatory for pupils in Year 7 and over on dedicated school transport.

Clinically extremely vulnerable staff and pupils

- Both staff and pupils who have been identified by their doctor as still considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), will be advised not to come into school or college. The [government guidance](#) on shielding and CEV people has been updated to reflect this position. Schools will be expected to provide remote learning for any pupils in this category.
- Pregnant women are not classified as CEV, and therefore will still be expected to come into work, unless their doctor advises otherwise.
- Pupils and staff who live with people who are CEV, but are not CEV themselves, are still expected to come into school or college.

Curricular and extra-curricular activities

- PE, sport, music, dance and drama lessons can continue in line with the current guidance - during school time.
 - Schools must only provide team sports listed on the [return to recreational team sport framework](#). Competition between different schools or colleges should not take place.
 - Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular activities where they are satisfied that it is safe to do so.
 - After-school clubs can only continue if their primary purpose is childcare
 - The current series of exam resits should continue.
 - For 16 to 19 study programmes, providers should continue to seek to deliver the majority of education on site unless they have had written public health advice to move some groups to remote teaching.
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