



2 October 2020

Dear Parents

**Face Masks: Years 7-11**

We have made the decision to ask pupils in Years 7-11 to wear masks in communal areas and when moving around school. This is something which schools in lockdown areas already require the children to do and it seems logical for us to do the same when we are so close to areas of concern.

From Monday, the following rules will apply:

- All pupils in Years 7-11 and staff will wear face masks when they arrive at school in the morning. This will ensure the children do not forget to bring their mask. (Those travelling on school transport will be wearing theirs throughout the journey.)
- Pupils should wear their masks in Breakfast Club when not sat in their year group bubbles.
- Whenever the children are in the corridors, they should wear their masks. This includes moving between lessons, heading out to break, in the lunch queue, when going for a 'comfort break' and when leaving school at the end of the day. These have all been identified as possible times when the 'bubbles' might 'burst'.
- Once they are outside, they will be encouraged to remove their masks.
- Pupils should bring a small disposable bag with them in which they can keep their masks.
- Pupils will not be required to wear masks in lessons.
- We are not being prescriptive about the type of mask the children should wear but we do not want scarves being used (i.e. we would like a mask rather than just a face covering). The design of the mask should also be appropriate for a school setting i.e. no inappropriate images or text.
- Masks should be worn properly, covering both the nose and mouth.
- Good practice states reusable face coverings should be washed daily and single use coverings should be disposed of safely.
- If your son/daughter is medically exempt from wearing a mask, please let Miss Ward know ([linda.ward@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:linda.ward@redhouseschool.co.uk)).
- All visitors, including parents, must wear masks when inside school.

Please can I ask you to discuss the points above with the children. Rest assured, our other preventative measures – hand sanitisation, split lunch times, designated play areas and forward-facing classrooms – will continue to be in place.

Thank you for your support with this matter. We remain delighted with the way the children have adapted to the new routines since their return in September. I also continue to be indebted to my colleagues on both sides of the pond who continue to deliver an outstanding education in very challenging circumstances.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

**Ken James**  
Headmaster