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Dear Parent/Carer

As Birmingham becomes a localized lockdown zone from Tuesday, 15 September 2020, Fairfax Academy will be introducing additional safety measures with regards the use of face coverings.

The use of face coverings will be mandatory in corridors and indoor communal areas, such as toilets and the Eatery and Refectory. In line with government guidance, face coverings will not be required in lessons. Students will be given time to remove them and sanitize their hands at the beginning of each lesson, and given time to put them on before leaving the classroom. Students will not be able to access the Refectory or Eatery without an appropriate face covering.

Please ensure your child attends school from tomorrow with an appropriate face covering and a plastic bag to store it in. If your child is medically exempt from wearing a face covering you must provide this evidence to Fairfax Academy as a matter of urgency by emailing post@fairfax.bham.sch.uk

Students will be briefed each morning about the safe use of masks, but please support us by going through the following guidelines with your child:

1. Face coverings should not have any inappropriate or offensive graphics or slogans
2. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth
3. Re-usable coverings should be washed regularly
4. If your mask is reusable then it should be stored in a sealed plastic bag until it has been washed.
5. Disposable masks should be placed into bins once used.
6. Clean face masks should be kept in a sealed plastic bag for your journey home.
7. Face coverings must be worn on public transport
8. To wear a face mask correctly you need to:
 - o Wash hands first
 - o Make sure it covers your nose and your mouth and is fastened securely around your ears
 - o Use the ties/elastics to apply it. You should not touch the inside or outside of your mask.
 - o If your mask gets damp you should not wear it again
 - o Re-useable masks must be washed every use

Should you have any queries please direct these to post@fairfax.bham.sch.uk and they will be directed to your child's Head of Year if required.

Thank you for your ongoing support in these unusual times.

Yours sincerely



MRS D J BUNN
Head of Academy

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new cough, continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or tastes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result</p>	<p>...the test comes back negative or if the test is positive, a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.</p> <p>We do not need evidence of a negative test result, but do need proof of positive results.</p>
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Send evidence of the test result to school - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	<p>...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i></p> <p>AND the child feels well.</p>
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send your child back to school 	<p>...as soon as the test comes back negative.</p>
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Fairfax Academy child(ren) can continue to attend. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>