



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, London will be moving to tier 2 – high alert – from midnight on Friday in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The school will therefore be adopting a policy of mandatory wearing of face coverings when moving around school. This will apply to all members of the school community from Monday 19th October 2020.

Please can you ensure that your daughter/son has a face covering with them at all times. We understand that for some members of the school community, it is not possible to wear face coverings. We would like to reassure those community members that we are sympathetic to their individual needs. We ask you to inform the relevant Student Support Officer who will issue a sticker to be placed on the front of the planner stating they are exempt.

I wrote to you earlier in the term about the importance of wearing a face covering correctly, the storing of face coverings and the regular washing of face coverings.

The school has a small supply of face coverings which can be provided if you are unable to provide one. In cases where you cannot provide a covering please contact the relevant SSO

If your daughter/son does not have a face covering on, a member of the school community will remind them to put one on. If they are exempt, students should show their sticker on their planner to the member of staff. If they have one and they refuse to put it on, it will be classed as defiance and the S system will be used until they comply. If they don't have one, they should tell the member of staff. Their card will be signed and their SSO will be notified to provide a face covering for them.

We would also like to make it clear that wearing a face covering in class will remain an individual's choice.

I hope that you are able to reinforce, with your daughter/son, the importance of wearing a face covering to protect others as well as themselves.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

