



## QMGs updates 28-8-20

Dear parent/guardian

Further to my [letter](#) dated 21-8-20, please find below some updates and clarification. The risk assessment has been updated and can be found on the [Policies page](#) of the School website.

### **1. Face coverings**

The government has published new [guidance](#) on face coverings for schools and colleges.

Key points from the guidance are as follows:

- For schools and colleges in most circumstances (i.e. not subject to local restrictions/lockdowns) the government is still not recommending face coverings as necessary in education settings.
- However, schools and colleges have the discretion to require face coverings for pupils and staff in communal areas where social distancing cannot be safely managed, if they believe that it is right in their particular circumstances.
- The use of face coverings in the classroom should still be avoided because they “can have a negative impact on learning and teaching”.
- For schools and colleges in areas where local restrictions apply, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Further guidance on face coverings for areas where local restrictions apply will be issued and will come into effect on 1 September.
- Staff and pupils will be expected to buy or make their own face coverings. Schools and colleges will be expected to have a “small contingency supply” available to supplement this.

As a result of this, our policy on face coverings from September is:

- Students may wear face coverings in communal areas (e.g. canteen, corridors), but this is optional for them
- Face coverings should be plain in design and students will be given a disposable version if this is not the case
- Face coverings should not be worn by students in classrooms (unless previously agreed through an individual risk assessment)
- Staff have the option of wearing a mask or face visor, which will be provided by the School

### **2. MS Forms survey**

Thank you to those parents who have already filled in the MS Forms [survey](#). Individual parents will be contacted ahead of the start of term where there are specific questions about your child.

A number of parents have asked similar questions on a range of topics and I have noted some responses below:

Issue	Response
<i>Before and after school care</i> – issues related to parental drop-offs/pick-ups, siblings starting/finishing at different times, etc.	We have to put restrictions in place for students being onsite in line with the national recommendations. We recognise that this will put pressures on families and ask that we try and work

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	together on the matter. We will evaluate the situation and will consider provision if there is sufficient need.
<i>Sports activities</i> – questions related to the type of sport happening and what students will need to bring in	As I said in my letter last week, we will be providing PE and games lessons, but with restrictions in line with national guidance. Students will wear their school tracksuit and PE kit on the days they have PE. Lessons will begin from p3 on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September and will affect the following classes: PE: 9A, 9D, 9G, 9M; Games: Year 10
<i>School uniform</i> – clarification sought on uniform	As I said in my letter, we are expecting a return to full school uniform. The updated behaviour policy (including uniform) will be on the website shortly.
<i>School lunches</i> – clarification sought on packed lunches and canteen service	Years 8-13 may bring a packed lunch. Canteen service will be open for all students at lunchtime, but not break, from the beginning of term.
<i>Bicycles</i> – will additional storage facilities be provided?	We need to evaluate the need for this and will provide additional shelter/lockable space if needed
<i>Entrance and exit points</i> – clarification sought on exact routes in and out of the school site	Please see the attached 'QMGS entrance maps' document

Regards



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