

RP/tb – 16 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I previously wrote to you outlining the guidance that we were ‘strongly encouraged’ to wear face coverings within communal areas in school whilst coronavirus infection rates remained relatively high. As you may already be aware, due to a further rise in infection rates, from Saturday the borough of Erewash in which we reside, will become a Tier 2 or ‘high alert’ lockdown area, with increased local restrictions. Changes include different households no longer being able to meet indoors and working from home where possible. Further details can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-local-covid-alert-levels>.

Schools will remain open during this period. However, the government guidance is clear that where local restrictions are in force: ‘In Education settings where pupils and students in Year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by staff, visitors and pupils/students when moving around in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.’ (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/facecoverings-in-education>) It will not be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower and may inhibit teaching and learning.

As a consequence of the updated position, we are required to implement compulsory face coverings across The Long Eaton School from Monday 19 October 2020 in corridors and communal areas for all users of the site. We politely request that students bring coverings with them from Monday.

We greatly appreciate the support we have enjoyed from you as parents and carers to date, and I would like to thank you for your patience as we work together to ensure our school is able to remain open and able to continue to deliver high quality teaching and learning experiences for our young people. We are fully committed to continuing to improve our offer within these extraordinarily challenging circumstances. I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully  
The Long Eaton School

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