



September 2020

Dear Family

As I am sure you have seen, Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull have new COVID-19 lockdown restrictions which are being introduced from Tuesday 15th September 2020.

What does this mean?

- You cannot have more than 6 people in your house or garden.
- You cannot go to someone else’s house or garden if there will be more than 6 people present.

(If more than 6 people live in your household, this is okay, but no more people may visit).

As part of these restrictions the Local Authority have instructed us to move to the Tier 1 guidance which you can read below. These are not major changes, but what was a choice will be required from Tuesday as masks will be required in some areas.

What does this mean for students?

- All students must bring a mask to the Academy from Tuesday 15th September.
- Masks are to be worn in corridors and communal areas, but not in classrooms.
- Staff will make sure students are wearing them when leaving the classroom.
- Masks must be a plain colour and have no patterns, markings or logos.

If your child does not have a mask, the Academy has a limited number of disposable masks that we can provide but please, from Tuesday, provide your child with their own if possible and make sure they know how to wear it and remove it correctly and safely. Students can of course bring one on Monday if you wish just like last week.

**WE MUST KEEP ON
PROTECTING EACH OTHER**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



**STAY ALERT TO
THE SYMPTOMS**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE OR
NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**



FIND OUT HOW TO GET A TEST, AND HOW LONG TO ISOLATE AT:

nhs.uk/coronavirus



Further guidance

If anyone in your household shows symptoms of Coronavirus:

- Call 119 to organise a test.
- Everyone in the household must self-isolate until the person with symptoms has a negative test result or 14 days have passed.

If no one in the household has any symptoms, students should attend as normal. We know that these are uncertain times but we do believe the best thing is for students to be in the Academy where it is as normal as possible.

We will continue to follow all of the guidance to ensure that students are safe and well cared for and of course let you know as soon as anything changes.

Kind regards

George Faux
Principal

Here I have provided the Tier 1 guidance for schools from the Department of Health and Social Care for those interested in our changes.

“The default position for areas in national government intervention is that education and childcare settings will remain open. An area moving into national intervention with restrictions short of education and childcare closure is described as ‘tier 1’. There are no changes to childcare, and the only difference in education settings is that where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

All nurseries, childminders, schools, colleges and other educational establishments should remain open and continue to allow all their children and young people to attend, on site, with no other restrictions in place.”