



Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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Face Coverings and Remote Learning Update

Dear Parent/Carer

Please can you ensure that your child arrives at school with a face mask / face covering. As you are aware, face masks in schools are mandatory and are to be worn by all adults and students in areas outside classrooms when moving around communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain such as corridors. A small number of our students are exempt from wearing a mask due to medical reasons.

Unfortunately, some students have arrived at school without a face mask; some repeatedly on a daily basis. Thus far the school has spent over £250 on replacement masks for students. I'm sure you will appreciate that this is unsustainable. Please you make sure that your child does not leave the house without having a facemask (and a spare) in their coat or school bag. The mask is part of the equipment students are expected to bring to school. From Monday 5th October, Heads of Learning for each year group will ensure that all students are wearing a face mask. If a student arrives without one, with no valid reason, we will supply a mask and then debit 20p from your child's Parent pay account.

Nexus have also asked me to remind all students that they must be wearing a mask when travelling on a school or public bus. The bus driver can refuse entry onto the bus if a child is not wearing a face mask. (Please see attached information poster).

Can I also draw your attention to the academy website, where we have added more information relating to Remote Learning. Year 11 are due to return on Monday and we have received some very positive feedback regarding the "live lessons", delivered through Microsoft Teams.

<https://www.whitburncofeacademy.org/what-will-the-4-tiers-of-restriction-mean-for-whitburn-church-of-england-academy-and-the-actions-that-we-will-take-document/>

We are currently operating at Tier One, where the school is fully open for all students. If we are ever directed to move to Tier 2 where we have an increased level of infections, you will see detailed information related to Remote Learning. We are hoping that we will not need to move to this tier but we are prepared and ready to deliver the normal school curriculum with live lessons into students homes if and when we may have to. Parents and carers will of course be informed immediately if this is ever to be the case.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy with any further questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

J E Crowe
Principal

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