

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the announcement of a national lockdown which commences on the 5th November 2020, the government issued revised guidance for schools on 4th November regarding the new measures to be put into place during the national lockdown period.

The guidance states that with effect from 5th November 2020, face coverings should be worn by adults and children aged 11 and above when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms or activity rooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Full guidance can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020>

- As of Monday 9th November 2020, we will be asking scholars to wear face masks in school when they are moving between lessons and when they are not in their own 'bubbled' spaces or classes. We would like all scholars to be wearing a face mask when they arrive at school until they have reached their classroom.
- At the end of lessons where scholars move to a break, or a different classroom and when in communal shared spaces, scholars will be asked to put their masks on until they have reached their classroom. At the end of the school day, scholars will also be asked to put their masks on until they leave the school premises.
- It is currently mandatory for all scholars who travel to school on public transport who are aged 11 or over to wear a face covering and this guidance remains in place.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate face mask when they return to school on 9th November 2020. We are mindful that we are a community whose youngest members are 11 years old, and therefore face masks must be appropriate for a school setting, with no inappropriate slogans etc.
- If any scholars have a specific medical exemption from wearing a face covering, please notify [tfsadmin@turnerschools.com](mailto:tfsadmin@turnerschools.com) before 4pm on Friday 6th November 2020.

As before, although the guidance does not state that children should wear their masks in classrooms, should you wish your son or daughter to wear their face masks throughout the school day, we will continue to support this decision.

Face masks must be worn and removed correctly and the link below provides advice on the wearing of face masks which we suggest you share with children before they return to school on Monday 9th November 2020: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMSgc9SpbJc>. Posters are also available in every classroom and at the Scholar Entrances.

It is essential for the safety of both our staff and scholars that we adhere to the guidance issued by the government. Scholars MUST wear face masks appropriately and any misuse will lead to our Behaviour Policy being deployed in order to safeguard our community, including sending pupils home for persistent non-compliance.

We appreciate that this guidance is a significant change for our scholars and we will be working with them to ensure they are fully supported whilst we implement the new guidance within our school. We will be discussing the use of face masks with all scholars in their coaching time and will continue to remind students regularly of how to wear, handle and store their face masks.

The safety and wellbeing of our scholars, and staff, continues to be our absolute priority and we have worked incredibly hard over the last few months to implement all government guidance so that we can continue to provide your child with an education in a safe environment.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Yates', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs K Yates

Principal