

18 September 2020

**Please read the below in conjunction with the letter from Knowsley Borough Council**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Update regarding the use of Face Coverings**

I am writing to ask for your support in this matter. All schools in Knowsley have collaborated and agreed that, from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, the below requests are followed to reduce the current transmission rates.

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises
- Only one adult to enter the premises for drop off and pick up
- That you arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/collecting your child – please do not congregate as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person maintaining social distancing
- Young people avoid congregating outside school and mixing with other schools and go directly home
- All **adults and pupils** wear face coverings in all communal areas in **Secondary** schools will be mandatory (except for those with an exception)
- All staff wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground during drop off and pick up times
- Ensure your household adheres to self-isolation rules
- Those traveling on dedicated school transport adhere to the mandatory wearing of face coverings that applies to public transport

The guidance applies to secondary students as outlined in the DfE Guidance on face coverings in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Accompanying these letters is another useful guide from the NHS titled a 'Quick Guide for Absence' and our protocol for wearing face coverings within the school.

We will keep you up to date via our website and social media platforms. Please continue to work with us and support us in this change to further protect our community.