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24th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of our first month back at the academy I'd like to thank you all for your support and also would like to congratulate our students once again on their amazing ability to cope with the changes we have had to put in place due to the pandemic.

Following on from recent government announcements I would like to take a few cautious measures to try and keep the academy as safe as possible in addition to what we already have in place. I would like this to start on Monday, 28th September 2020.

Face Coverings

From Monday I would like all students to wear face coverings in school when moving around the building. This includes queuing to enter the building in the morning, moving to the dining areas, moving between classroom spaces for KS4 students and leaving the site at the end of the day. Students do not have to wear them in lessons, outside at break or when eating in the dining hall. I hope you can understand that this is a cautious measure designed to try and protect our community as much as we can. If your child has medical reasons why they cannot wear a face covering please let us know using the number at the end of the letter. The best advice we can give regarding face coverings is:

- You should only ever wear a clean face covering and should change them regularly.
- Use hand sanitiser before you remove your face covering and after you have put it on.
- Used face coverings should be kept in a sealed plastic bag to be taken home for cleaning or if disposable placed in a bin immediately.

Student Physical Contact

If possible, I would appreciate your support in reminding your child that they should avoid physical contact with other students in school. Our children can be very tactile and affectionate to each other, but in the current circumstances they need to be mindful of their responsibilities to each other.

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Uniform, Lanyards and PE Kit

As we communicated at the start of the term our students are more than welcome to wear PE kit to the academy on days where they have PE. As we are approaching the winter months students can wear a sweatshirt, either grey or blue, to help keep warm. Students are not permitted to wear coats and jackets in lessons as an alternative and I would appreciate your support in avoiding unnecessary issues between students and staff in this regard. On days where students do not have PE they should be in full academy uniform and wearing their correct coloured lanyard at all times.

Road Safety

We have had a few concerns raised by local residents and motorists regarding students potentially being at risk when crossing the road, particularly on Wigton Road. Please can you urge your child to use the traffic lighted crossing points whenever they are crossing Wigton Road. I would always advise children to wear helmets for safety reasons when cycling to school.

Home ICT/Internet

Again, in the spirit of being cautious and prepared, I would like to ask parents to get in touch with the academy on 01228 822644 if you require support with the following:

- Devices which can access learning materials online.
- Wi-Fi connection to return tasks.
- Difficulties logging in to academy online provision

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal