

Walsall Local Coronavirus Lockdown: Face Masks Guidance

On Monday 12th October it was announced that Walsall will be placed into local lockdown from Wednesday 14th October. In areas where there is a local lockdown, which is any area where the transmission of the virus is high, **staff and students** must wear a face mask when moving around our academy, such as in corridors and communal areas, where social distancing amongst students is difficult to maintain. There are some medical exemptions to this Government rule and we are aware that some students will have medical conditions which prevent them from wearing a mask. These students will have a Sheffield Mask Pass. For all staff and students who are not exempt, face masks must be re-usable, as plain as possible, or of the daily disposable variety.

How to correctly wear a face mask



- The face mask must cover your child's nose, mouth and chin.
- It should not be too loose.
- Visors are not acceptable in communal areas unless worn with a mask

All masks must be kept in a sealable bag when not in use. It is important that all students wear a clean re-usable (preferably) mask each day. We recommend each student has two – one to wash and one to wear.

When should students wear a mask?

- From Wednesday 14th October all students will be required to wear a mask in communal areas, e.g. when moving through corridors, queuing for food, reception, the mall, toilets, staircases etc.
- All students **must put their mask on before standing up from their seat and leaving the classroom.** Their class teacher will indicate when this is to happen.
- Students can take their mask off to eat in their allocated dining area.
- Students can remove their mask once they are outside the building.

Disposal of face mask?

- There are designated grey bins with lids around the academy for the disposal of masks, please remind your child that they must use these.



We appreciate your support in these challenging and changing times. We also thank you in advance for your support in encouraging your child to follow the local lockdown guidance and restrictions both inside and outside the academy, this is to reduce the rate of infection and to protect our community, our academy and each other.