



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

In light of the recent change in Local COVID Alert Level, we have reviewed our COVID-19 risk assessment upon receipt of further guidance from the Local Authority this evening.

As you will already know from the information published by the school, we have up until now taken a very controlled approach to minimising risk within our communal areas. This has meant that staff and students sanitise upon entry to buildings and are escorted by staff in an orderly manner to each lesson. This has enabled all students and staff to feel safe by ensuring that everyone entering a corridor or classroom has sanitised, whilst allowing movement within a corridor to be carefully controlled to prevent congestion, overcrowding and allowing staff to socially distance.

The latest Local Authority guidance now states that schools should strongly encourage the wearing of face coverings in corridors and communal area.

In accordance with this guidance, we will be strongly encouraging students to wear face coverings in the following locations

- on the way to line-up
- when moving in corridors
- when queuing and moving through the dining hall

We have also been advised by Local Authority Public Health that whilst this is strongly encouraged at present, this will be compulsory after half term, unless individuals are subject to exemption.

Face coverings should be of either plain dark blue, black or of a surgical style and students should bring a plastic bag if they are using a re-usable mask, or enough replacements if they are using disposable masks. The school will have a limited number of masks available for students who are unable to get one.

The school will also be giving guidance on how to safely use a mask or face covering, including putting it on and taking it off. To help with this, we also ask that all students bring a small bottle of sanitiser so that they may put on and remove their mask safely during the day. The school will be providing sanitiser and masks for those students who require it and there will be the opportunity to top up their sanitiser on site from our sanitising stations should they need to.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I will write to you again if there are any further updates to the Local Public Health Guidance and to confirm our procedures in relation to the latest advice for after half term.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Mills
Head