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Re: AGi/LT

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Dear Parents

I want to thank you for all of your support since the start of term, as we returned to school and what we continue to be told is "the new normal". The students have responded fantastically to the new changes to the school day, the new handwashing/sanitising expectations and the new one-way systems in place, understanding that they are all measures to keep them safe in these uncertain times. A huge part in their acceptance comes from your positivity in their return to school and these health and safety measures.

As you will know, the outside world continues to change in its response to the Covid-19 pandemic and we are constantly reflecting on our practices to ensure we continue to keep our staff and students safe.

We have made our policies and risk assessments clear to all; however, we would be careless to not consider the changes that the Government is making to the way people are required to protect themselves when in public spaces. As such, from next Monday, while face coverings/masks will not become mandatory on the school site, we will expect students to wear a face covering when travelling around the site. In practice, this means:

- Students will not remove their face coverings on arrival at the school gate, but will ensure a mask is worn until they arrive at their tutor base
- Likewise, they will not put face coverings on to board the bus at the end of the day, but all students will do so before they leave their classroom at the end of the day, whether walking off the site or catching a bus
- Face coverings will also be worn when moving between lessons and to/from the Hall for break and lunch times

While we have staggered our timings within the school day to keep year group bubbles apart, and have the one-way systems, these are the times when our students are at most risk in the school day due to the inevitable passing of each other coming in or out of classrooms for the following lessons.

NB: If your child fits the categories of exemption from wearing a mask, please email or call the school office (office@smithdonhigh.org.uk) to inform us as soon as possible.

At Smithdon, we want to continue to run as normal a school experience for our students as possible, while ensuring we do everything to ensure the safety of our whole community – both within and outside the school itself.

Thank you for your continued support and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Gibbins
Head of School

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