



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support through this difficult time. Families are facing a wide range of challenges and the changing picture is unsettling for all.

As you are aware, the Government now requires all staff and students to wear masks in secondary schools in corridors and social spaces. We are very grateful to parents/carers and students for taking this requirement seriously. However, we are finding that some students are forgetting or losing their mask. Disposable masks are also breaking during the day. We have handed out a large number of masks to date, and this is not something that the school can sustain in large numbers.

Therefore, **from Monday 30th November**, if a student arrives at school without a face covering, we will ask them to return home to collect one before returning to the academy. We will contact parents/carers before sending the student home; of course, students can return to learning immediately once they return with a mask. Since we will not allow students into the building without a mask, should a family member wish to bring a mask to school for them to wear, please be aware that we will require your child to wait outside in the interim.

Asking students to return home is not a decision we take lightly. To reduce the need for your child to return home, we recommend that they store spare masks in their school bags in case one breaks or gets lost during the day. Fabric masks do not break so easily so it may better value in the long term to purchase some.

If your child is exempt from wearing a mask for medical or other reasons, and you have not already contacted school, please do so as soon as possible. The above will not apply to those students.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's Pastoral Support Worker as follows:

Year 7 – Tina Bailey – <u>tina.bailey@clf.uk</u> Year 8 – Jason Clarkson – <u>jason.clarkson@clf.uk</u> Year 9 – Don Farmer – <u>don.farmer@clf.uk</u> Year 10 – Jade Henry – <u>jade.henry@clf.uk</u> Year 11 – Hardeep Konsal – <u>hardeep.konsal@clf.uk</u>

Best wishes

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