



**KING HAROLD**  
ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Due to Essex moving into the Local COVID Alert Level: High, it has become mandatory, in educational settings where Y7 and above are educated, for face coverings to be worn by adults (staff and visitors) and pupils when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain

In addition, on top of our hygiene measures and the system of controls, the wearing of face coverings for students and staff we hope, will provide you with additional confidence whilst your child is in school. We expect all students to provide their own face coverings.

There will be medical exemptions for some i.e severe asthma. If you believe your child has such an exemption, this should be discussed with the school in advance.

It is vital that face coverings are worn correctly and we will be providing clear instructions to our students on how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings, to avoid inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission. Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face-covering becomes damp, it should not be worn, and the face-covering should be replaced carefully. If students are wearing face coverings on their way to and from school, they should change their face covering before entering school.

You will appreciate that the guidance from Government is being constantly updated. We will let you know if our approach to the wearing of face coverings changes.

Yours faithfully

Steve Fisher  
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