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Dear Parent/Carer

The safety and wellbeing of all students and staff remains a priority at Cleethorpes Academy. Last term, all staff wore a face mask/visor whilst moving around the site and in communal areas. I am writing to inform you that recent Government guidance has placed a stronger emphasis on the wearing of face masks by school age children to reduce the level of transmission of Covid-19 between students and to protect members of staff. Therefore, I am requesting that all students wear a suitable face covering when travelling to and from school and when in corridors and other communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be observed.

Students may remove face coverings in all classrooms.

If your child is exempt from wearing a mask please contact the Academy and we will discuss your child's individual needs.

We will be discussing this with all students on Monday 2 November 2020 and will continue to remind students regularly of how to wear, handle and store their face masks.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, continues to be our absolute priority and we have worked tirelessly over the last few months to have all safety measures in place so that we can continue to provide your child with an excellent education.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you wish to get in touch before Monday 2 November 2020 please contact us via email to enquiries@cleethorpesacademy.co.uk

A face covering should:

- cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- be secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used)

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- unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged

When wearing a face covering you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- avoid wearing on your neck or forehead
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
- avoid where possible taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession

When removing a face covering:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- do not give it to someone else to use
- if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a residual waste bin and do not recycle
- if reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed

As the wearing of masks has become part of everyday life, I am hoping that this change can easily be adopted by all students. I would like to thank you in advance of your support for this additional safety measure.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J C Hornby
Principal