



**Mr Juan Delgado [Principal]**

19th October 2020

Dear parents / carers

**Re: Use of face masks in schools**

The Department for Education has confirmed that in local areas subject to Local COVID Alert Level High, as is applicable within this local area **from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, there is an expectation that face coverings should be worn in secondary schools by adults and pupils (in all year groups).

This requirement is for areas outside classrooms, for example when moving around communal areas in the school, such as corridors, where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

Within classrooms, the government guidance remains that face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided.

Accordingly from **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020** your child will need to bring into school a suitable (plain) face covering to be worn in the communal areas of the school. Please ensure that they also bring in a suitable container or small plastic bag to keep the face covering in when not in use. Students should not touch the front of their face covering and if the face covering is disposable this must be disposed of in a non-recycling bin. Alternatively disposable face coverings can be disposed of at home by students.

Your cooperation in ensuring your child comes to school with a face covering is appreciated as we only have a very small contingency supply to meet needs arising for those who forget to bring one.

We will give further guidance to pupils about the safe wearing of face coverings and the safe storage of them between use in school.

It is also recognised, in accordance with government guidance, that some individuals will be exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who:

- Cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability
- Speak to or provide assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate

Please let us know by email to [info@park-aspirations.org](mailto:info@park-aspirations.org) if this applies to your child and I assure you that staff will be sensitive to those needs.

Yours faithfully

Juan Delgado  
Principal

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