



Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and all members of the Chessington community

As you will know, from tomorrow we will all be living in a locality with Tier 2 restrictions as we have been designated to be in the "high" category throughout all London Boroughs and Elmbridge in Surrey. In line with this and new government guidance provided by the Department for Education we are required to adjust our policies and risk assessments, with one significant change to our policy on face coverings.

As of Monday morning all students and staff will be expected to wear face coverings when moving internally around the premises, outside of all lessons, in corridors and within any communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. They do not have to wear them in lessons or outside. I have, this afternoon, spoken to every child in every year group giving them the opportunity to ask questions and have sought to reassure them should they have any worries. I have informed them that this is a government expectation and we are obliged to comply with it and that therefore, we will expect the very highest of standards when using these face coverings. They must have them with them at all times and must be wearing whenever required.

Next week we will have spare masks available, as children get used to this "newer normal". Following October half-term the expectation around face coverings will be entered into our behaviour, sanctions and rewards policy. As always, we have these high expectations because we care about our young people and their well being.

If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering for sensory or medical reasons please email us as soon as possible on contactus@chessington.kingston.sch.uk, attaching the evidence from the appropriate sanctioning body. Please also use this email address if you have any questions and I will seek to respond in a video to you all on Monday morning.

I want to finish by thanking you, your families and all members of the community for the support and kind words throughout this challenging half term. Please continue to support, continue to help and continue to follow guidelines throughout this escalated period. This does include reminding our young people that they are not to meet indoors with people from other households as they continue to be excellent ambassadors for our school.

I will be in regular contact throughout this period. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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