



Ashton Community Science College

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Dear Parent Carer,

As you are aware, due to the amount of cases of COVID-19 in the Preston area, the Local Authority has advised secondary schools and other education institutions there is a requirement to wear face coverings in communal areas. This is an additional precautionary measure to support the actions being implemented in Preston to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. With this in mind, we will continue to expect students to wear face masks as they enter and leave the school building, in corridors at lesson changeover and whilst in any inside communal area. Students do not need to wear masks in lessons but can choose to do so and do not need to wear them outside, although they should still maintain social distancing.

During the first week of term the vast majority of students have been excellent at bringing their mask in and storing them securely. As a result of the mandatory requirement to wear a mask whilst at school, we are now adapting our rules that should a student forget their mask they will receive a behaviour point just like any other item on our essential equipment list. Should your child require a disposable mask they can purchase one for 20p from Room 7 alongside all other essential items within the equipment pack.

Please do speak to your child about the necessity of wearing a face mask and the need to always carry one.

The wearing of face masks in school will be reviewed on a regular basis in line with guidance from the DfE and Public Health England and we reserve the right to change our position, with the expectation of your continued support. If your child is unable to wear a face mask at these times and you have not already informed their progress leader, we ask that you get in touch with the pastoral receptionist (hrichards@ashtoncsc.com) to discuss your child's medical plan.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr W Clarke
Deputy Headteacher



