

14th May 2021

Updates from Royds

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

Face coverings

As the country approaches another key date in the government's roadmap out of lockdown on Monday 17th May, I would like to clarify the position on the wearing of face coverings. Earlier this week, the government stated that from 17th May staff and pupils are no longer recommended to wear face masks in classrooms and pupils do not need to wear them in communal areas. However, the guidance also stated that face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to localised outbreaks, including COVID variants of concern.

Since rates in Leeds are currently higher than the England average, Public Health in Leeds have advised today that pupils should wear masks in communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.

This guidance means that students and staff will be expected to continue to wear a face covering in corridors until further notice. Students in Year 7 and above are also still required to wear face masks on public transport and on dedicated school transport, unless exemptions apply.

Year 11

Year 11 PPE examinations are progressing well. The results from these exams will formulate part of each student's Centre Assessed Grade at the end of the academic year. The last day for our Year 11s is Friday 28th May, however, some students may be required to attend the odd session, by invitation, subject to any missing evidence.

Uniform and Punctuality

Please continue to support the academy to maintain expectations in uniform standards and punctuality. Arriving at school on time and wearing the correct uniform is an important part of being a student. If there are issues regarding this, please contact your child's Learning Manager who will work with you to find a solution.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Higgins
Principal