



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the local area of Glossopdale has been placed under TIER 2 COVID -19 measures. In line with the DfE and Public Health guidance, **from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October we will be expecting students to wear face coverings as they enter and leave the school building, in corridors, at lesson changeover as well as during social times.** It will not be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom where protective measures already mean the risks are lower and they may inhibit teaching and learning.

Students are expected to apply, wear and remove face coverings correctly at all times. This means that:

- **When worn, face coverings must cover the face and nose at all times.** If a student is wearing a covering incorrectly, for example, on the chin, they will be asked to wear it correctly.
- **Students must not touch the part of the face covering that has been worn on the nose or the mouth.**
- **If Students use a cloth face covering, it must go in a plastic bag and taken home to be washed regularly. If Students use a single use face covering, it must be placed in the bin immediately after use.**
- **Students must wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before and after taking their mask off.**
- Students may be asked to remove their face mask by a member of staff (where social distancing measures can be maintained) for a short period in order to aid communication.

\*It will be the Parent/Carer's responsibility to ensure that their son/ daughter understands the importance of wearing face coverings correctly and that they do so throughout the required times stated above. If your child is unable to wear a face covering due to medical reasons at these times, we ask that you contact us via our Covid email (covid-19@sph.academy) to discuss your child's medical plan.

The wearing of face coverings 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.

I thank you for your continued support in what are extremely challenging times. Please can I take the opportunity to remind you that if you or someone in your household displays any of the following symptoms:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell



Then, you should book a test and in the meantime whilst waiting for the test results, the whole household must self-isolate. In these circumstances, please do not send your child/children in to school until a negative test is confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Morris

(Headteacher at St Philip Howard Catholic Voluntary Academy).