



### **Update on the use of face coverings at Selston High School**

In line with government guidance since the Selston area and the whole of Nottinghamshire are now subject to local lockdown restrictions as part of a Very High Alert (Level 3) lockdown area the wearing of face coverings in communal areas and when moving between lessons becomes is now **mandatory**.

<b>When face coverings should be worn</b>	
On public and school transport	Yes
Moving between lessons and lining up	Yes
Walking to break/lunch venue	Yes
Queuing in the break/lunch venue	Yes
Outside communal areas at break/lunch	Yes (We have decided to do this as students are finding it difficult to keep a sensible distance from others)
Sitting down to eat in the break/lunch venue	No
In classrooms	No (but students will be allowed to if requested by the parent)

Please could you also support the school with the measures we have in place by discussing the importance of the following:

- No physical contact with other students.
- Not sharing equipment.
- Regularly washing hands/using hand sanitiser.
- Keeping a sensible distance from others.

Please discuss the safe wearing and removal of face coverings with your child using the government guidance below.

*“Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.*

*Pupils must be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it and they must dispose of temporary face coverings in a ‘black bag’ waste bin (not recycling bin) or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.”*

The general rule of thumb is that whilst sitting and in lessons no face covering is needed, whilst standing up or walking around outside of lessons then a face covering will be required.

We are mindful that there may be some students who qualify for exemptions under the government guidance and will put in place measures to respect this. If you consider that this applies to your child we ask that you inform us by contacting [enquiries@selstonhigh.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@selstonhigh.org.uk).

**Thank you for your support in helping us do all we can to stop the spread in our local community.**