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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Face Coverings

Further to our letter dated 24th August 2020 we have since received updated government's amended guidance in relation to the wearing of face coverings in schools in August 2020, the wearing of face coverings for students is optional at Cockburn John Charles Academy and this will be allowed in corridors and communal areas only providing that the wearer agrees to abide by the following:

- Face coverings must be plain coloured, and must not be scarves, balaclavas or bandanas or have any slogans or logos on them. Face coverings should cover the wearer's nose and mouth and loop around each ear.
- It is the responsibility of the wearer to bring their own face covering.
- It is recommended that, if a person wishes to wear a face covering, they bring more than one into the academy each day and that these are changed and washed regularly. Each face covering must be in a clear, resealable plastic bag which should itself, be kept in a bag. They can be worn when moving around corridors on arrival to the academy, moving between lessons and when leaving the academy.
- In line with government guidance face coverings will not be worn in the classroom or in assembly, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and where they can inhibit learning. When not being worn, coverings must be kept in a clear, resealable plastic bag and this can be kept in a pocket or in a bag. The covering must not be left on any desk or table at any time.
- Once a face covering is in place on the wearer's face it should not be removed and the wearer should refrain from touching the covering/their face as much as possible. Where the wearer wishes to remove their face covering to eat at break or lunchtime they may do so, providing that they clean their hands prior to removing their face covering to place it in the resealable bag and then clean their hands again once the covering is back in the resealable bag
- Inappropriate use of face coverings will be treated seriously and will be sanctioned in line with academy's behaviour policy.

Please note if the academy is designated by the government in an area where specific local restrictions measures apply the wearing of face coverings will become **compulsory** in corridors and communal areas, in line with the government's guidance.

Yours sincerely,



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