



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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New information: Adults and children over the age of 11 to wear face masks

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will no doubt be aware, cases of Coronavirus in the UK as well as the local area are sadly on the rise. With this in mind, as a school, we are constantly reviewing our procedures and routines. I truly believe that in school we are doing everything we can to ensure your child(ren)'s and staff safety and are constantly looking at the advice we receive from the Government to ensure we keep as informed as we possibly can be. We are continuing to keep pupils in their bubbles, decrease the number of shared resources, timetable breaks/lunchtimes to separate bubbles and ensure good hygiene is in place.

The staggered start/finish times and one way system on the school site helps to keep you, your family and the staff safe however, I feel that with rising cases in the community, it is time to request that **all adults and children over the age of 11** who attend to drop off/collect children or enter the school office **wear a face covering from Monday 19th October**. Staff welcoming/dismissing children on the doors will also wear a face covering during those times. **Pupils** of the school **will not** need to wear face coverings as they are 11 or younger. Visitors to the site already wear face coverings. *(Please note, the advice remains the same when in school, all children and staff do not need to wear face coverings in the day as they are protected through the use of bubbles and decreased contacts.)*

Whilst we really hope that a local lockdown does not take place, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we do have a robust plan for using Seesaw/Tapestry to provide lessons and activities if this did happen. The survey you completed the other week helped us to gauge our next steps with this and we are working on plans to further support those of you who told us you didn't have internet access or only had the use of a phone.

Please remember to follow the rules of no more than 6 people meeting and socially distancing from anyone not in your household (this includes when out at the park and around the school site). You can find out more information about the new tier system in an easy to follow format at: <https://www.my-life.org.uk/unsure-of-your-local-covid-19-restrictions-let-us-help/>

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and also for your continued support as always. Dashwood is a strong and positive community and I know that we will be ready to help each other as the next few months unfold. Please remember that my door is always (virtually) open for you to talk to me or any of my team should you need any clarification or support around these issues.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Amy Rogers

Principal



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