

30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent

As you will be aware, Charnwood is being moved by the government into Tier 2 of COVID-19 restrictions from tomorrow (Saturday) morning. This means that, with immediate effect, all Limehurst Academy students must wear a mask in communal areas. For schools, this is defined as any indoor area other than classrooms/learning spaces during lessons, or when eating at lunchtime.

In accordance with government guidance, wearing a mask during lessons remains optional for all students.

Students must bring their own mask AND a sealable container to put it in when not in use – this can be a sandwich bag or a plastic container for example. They must do this every day and face masks must be washed (fabric) or replaced (paper) every day as well.

The rules for face masks are:

- Students must wear a proper mask that fastens behind the ears. Visors, bandanas and scarves are not acceptable.
- Masks should not have visible logos such as clothing brands, pop groups or sports teams or other affiliations. They should be as plain as possible.
- When masks are not worn, they must be placed in a sealed bag or container and put away, rather than being carried around in hands.
- Students must remove their mask if asked to by a member of staff.
- Any mask left unattended, or found, will be safely disposed of immediately.
- Students must not touch any mask that is not their own.

We will confiscate inappropriate masks/face coverings and swap them for a disposable mask if we judge that those worn by students do not follow our rules. If we have to do this for a second time it will result in a charge of 50p to cover our costs. Confiscated masks will be disposed of if not collected by parents within 48 hours.

If your child is exempt from wearing a mask – government guidance states: “cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability” – please telephone us or email us on [office@limehurst.org.uk](mailto:office@limehurst.org.uk) so that we are aware and can manage this in school.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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