



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

15th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mandatory wearing of face coverings

The school is currently experiencing an increase in positive Covid-19 cases, more so than we have experienced since the pandemic began. I must stress that all cases, at the time of writing, are not linked but are isolated single cases. Given the number of positive cases the school is seeing I am going to increase the systems of control we have in place: **I am now directing all students and staff to wear face coverings.**

This means that your child will need to wear a face covering when entering and moving around the site, when in lessons and communal areas such as the main hall for lunch and break, as well as in corridors. This message will be shared today with your child as well and will become mandatory from tomorrow.

In order to stop any spread, there are no visitors allowed on site until further notice. If you have a meeting booked for any reason, the member of staff in school will be in touch to arrange this to be held virtually.

I hope you will understand and appreciate the steps we are taking in order to help stop the spread of the virus. I am in daily contact with Public Health England and they are satisfied with our systems of control, however the wearing of face coverings for longer will bring an additional layer of protection and help further to keep everyone safe and well.

As a reminder, please do not send your child to school if they feel unwell.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and [arrange to have a test](#).

There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These other symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

Finally, please keep testing your child at home regularly using the LFD test kits that have been provided. These are certainly helping to identify cases and therefore together we can continue to break chains of asymptomatic transmission.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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