

Biddick Lane
Washington
Tyne & Wear
NE38 8AL

Tel: 0191 511 1600
Fax: 0191 417 2897

Headteacher:
Miss K Morris



Biddick
Academy

18th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, additional restrictions have been placed on the Sunderland area due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases. Consequently, we have reviewed our risk assessment in line with Government guidance. **From Monday 21st September, all students will be required to wear a face mask in communal areas. Please note:**

- **This includes all indoor communal areas, for example corridors and when entering and leaving the Academy buildings.**
- Students do not have to wear a face mask outside at break and lunch times unless they wish to.
- In classrooms, students do not need to wear a face mask.
- Face masks should be of the plain/disposable medical type. Heavily patterned or branded face masks are not acceptable.

Please note this is required by Government guidance (for further details see):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education#where-local-restrictions-apply>).

I would ask all parents/carers ensure that their son/daughter brings a face mask to school each day, along with a spare mask and a plastic bag to safely store it in throughout the day. The most hygienic and preferred type of face mask are the cotton, reusable and washable ones. It is important that students avoid touching their face when wearing a mask and sanitise their hands before and after wearing a mask. Hand sanitiser is available in every classroom and at points stationed around the building.

There are a small number of students who are exempt from wearing a face mask on medical grounds, if this applies to your son/daughter, please contact their Head of Year.

The Academy maintains a limited supply of PPE for first aid situations, we do not have the provisions to be able to supply students with masks each day, therefore we appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives to school prepared with a mask.

Yours faithfully,



Miss K. Morris
Headteacher

"Inspiring learning, unlocking potential, achieving success"