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Co-op Academy
Failsworth

1st September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

On Tuesday 25th August the Government announced that face masks or face coverings “*should be worn by adults and pupils in secondary schools when moving around the school, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain*”. They have confirmed that face coverings are not necessary in classrooms. In response to the announcement I sent a text to inform you of this on Wednesday 26th August and said I would communicate to you prior to our return.

As a result of this new guidance, we will be asking all students to wear face masks on the corridors in the Academy when they return this week. Students will not need to wear them in classrooms, dining areas or the atrium which is an outdoor area.

Our staff will support students to understand expectations surrounding the face covering, and when and where these should be worn. We are asking for students to bring their own face mask into the Academy ensuring it is looked after and kept clean.

Any face mask can be worn, as long as it is plain in colour and suitable and appropriate for a school setting. It must cover the nose and mouth. This can be a disposable or a reusable mask.

As Co-op Academy Failsworth is within Greater Manchester, which is subject to enhanced restrictions, the decision to ask students to wear masks is mandatory. If the enhanced restrictions are dropped in Greater Manchester and also Oldham then the decision to ask students to wear masks reverts back to the discretion of the Headteacher and Governors, in discussion with the Trust. If the restrictions are dropped I will review this decision and communicate to you.

If there is any medical reason why it isn't appropriate for your child to wear a face mask or covering then I would ask you to speak to or email your son/daughter's Head of Year ASAP.

Just a reminder of this week's induction returns (see letter on the website for full details):

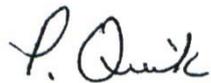
Year 7	Wednesday 2 nd September 8.15am, Thursday 3 rd September 8.35am, Friday 4 th September 8.35am
Year 8	Thursday 3 rd September 8.55am – 11.00am
Year 9	Thursday 3 rd September 11.25am - 1.30pm

Year 10 Friday 4th September 8.55am – 11.00am
Year 11 Friday 4th September 11.25am - 1.30pm

All students return to the Academy on Monday 7th September - doors open from 8.10am for an 8.35am start.

Thank you for your support and understanding,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Quirk'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a distinct 'Q'.

Phill Quirk
Headteacher