



# Aldercar High School

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## **COVID-19 Update - changes to the use of face coverings in school**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the new variant while they gather more information. The government will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.

Following this, the DfE contacted schools late yesterday to stipulate that face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all schools by staff, visitors and students in Year 7 and above, unless they are exempt.

I am therefore asking for your support in helping us to enforce the reintroduction of face coverings in school. Please could all students, other than those who are exempt, be reminded and helped to bring a clean and suitable face covering to school each day from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

All face coverings need to be suitable for a professional setting. In addition, a clean mask should be worn each day. If you require any support in providing your child with five clean face coverings for the school week, please contact us via [info@aldercarhigh.co.uk](mailto:info@aldercarhigh.co.uk). We are aware that a small number of students will be exempt from wearing a face covering. Please can parents and carers of any students who are exempt, contact us as soon as possible to provide us with details of this exemption, via [info@aldercarhigh.co.uk](mailto:info@aldercarhigh.co.uk).

Communal areas at Aldercar High School will include all corridors and indoor spaces used by students moving between lessons and at break / lunchtime. The expectation for face coverings will not include being worn in classrooms during lessons at this point in time, but if any student or member of staff would prefer to wear a face covering during a lesson, they may of course do so.

Please could you also help us by:

- ensuring that your child continues to test twice weekly at home using the home testing kits provided by school;
- reminding your child of the importance of good hand and respiratory hygiene;
- encouraging your child to use a face covering when in public places including in shops and on public transport.

Finally, just to advise you that our COVID risk assessment will be updated in line with the latest information available to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Hatto (Head Teacher)