

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Face Coverings at CODA

I hope that you are staying safe and enjoying your half term.

As Derby will be entering a 'tier 2' or 'high' risk classification from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, CODA will support reducing the spread of coronavirus by updating our protocols about face coverings. These new protocols follow the guidance set out by the DfE [Department for Education].

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Therefore, from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 we require face coverings to be worn in the following areas: -

- Whilst moving around the school site. This includes:
  - Entering the school from the main gates
  - Moving between classrooms in corridors
  - Lunchtime - apart from when eating
  - Leaving the school site at the end of the day
- Whilst travelling on public transport

We expect students to provide their own face covering and we will provide guidance about how to wear and store them effectively on Monday.

I appreciate that there will be some students who are 'exempt' from wearing a face covering due to medical reasons. If this is the case for your child, can you please send your child in with a letter stating the reasons or contact your Head of Year as soon as possible. Exemptions include students who:

- put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability
- speak to or provide assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate

In addition, in continuing to protect all of the school and wider community, can I please ask parents/carers to promote the 'hands, face, space' guidance whilst their child is travelling to and from school, particularly encouraging your child to be distanced from others and not congregate in groups of larger than six.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Smith  
Headteacher