

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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RE: Face Coverings at CODA and Closure Updates

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all well and staying safe. Although CODA was closed today, I can confirm that it will be open tomorrow as normal.

## Face Coverings at CODA

Over the weekend concerns have been raised about new variants of Covid-19. In addition, infection rates in the city have started to rise again. Therefore, from Tuesday the 30th of November 2021 face coverings will be required in communal areas of the school site. This change to safety measures is also recommended by the Department for Education [DfE] and Public Health England [PHE]. Our Derby branch of PHE has also provided all schools with powerful data showing that wearing face coverings rapidly reduces infection rates in schools.

At CODA, we will now require students to wear face coverings

- when moving around the school building between lessons and at break/lunch
- when queuing for food at break and lunch

Face coverings will not be mandatory in classrooms, but if students wish to wear a face covering in class, they are free to do so. Your child will receive a briefing in the morning and if students do not have their own face covering, we will be providing one tomorrow as well.

## Additional COVID Safety Reminders

As a reminder, if your child is experiencing symptoms of the coronavirus, they should get a PCR test and not attend school unless the result is negative.

I am also urging parents/carers and students to continue to follow the safety measures that are in place.

These are:

- Regular sanitising when moving around the school site
- Moving around school on the left-hand side of corridors
- Wearing face coverings on all public transport and when car sharing

As a school, we are providing:

- Well ventilated spaces
- Increased cleaning around school and classrooms
- Lateral Flow Tests

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## Lateral Flow Testing

Thank you to those who are continuing to complete lateral flow tests. I would like all parents/carers to encourage their child to test twice per week, including during half term. Lateral flow tests are the most effective strategy to keeping us all safe.

## Headteacher's Blog

I write a fortnightly blog where I reward and celebrate a number of the wonderful things that have taken place at CoDA. Look out for these, they are available on our website at <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/headteachers-blog/>

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Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P. Smith'.

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