

## Parentmail Update: 03.12.21

Dear Parent/Carer

### Face coverings

We informed you earlier this week of changes to the Welsh Government guidance regarding the wearing of face coverings in schools.

The updated information states that **"All staff and learners in our secondary schools and colleges should now wear face coverings while indoors including in classrooms where physical distancing cannot be maintained"**.

Therefore, we are required to act in line with this guidance and our procedures will change in order to comply with the updated guidelines.

From Monday 6 December all pupils will be required to wear a face covering when inside school buildings, including in classrooms during lessons. However, most pupils have already started to wear face coverings in school this week. We can provide reusable face coverings for pupils if necessary.

We would encourage face coverings to be washable and reusable rather than disposable in nature. This will help to address environmental sustainability and reduce potential littering problems.

Face coverings will also need to be worn on entry to the main dining hall and Scholars 6th Form café, while ordering and paying for food and when finding a seat. Face coverings can then be removed. On leaving the dining hall or Scholars, pupils will again need to wear a face covering.

Pupils are not expected to wear face coverings outdoors unless they wish to do so.

Should there be a specific medical reason as to why your child cannot wear a face covering, we would be grateful if you could contact the school to enable us to discuss the situation.

Although we are changing our procedures as a result of Welsh Government decisions, we have also been emphasising to pupils that the wearing of face coverings can be viewed as an act of courtesy which can protect their own health and that of other people.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

### **Cowbridge School - Towards a School for Life!**

Please find attached a reminder of the letter sent previously.

We wish all families a pleasant weekend.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School Senior Leadership Team

**Attachments**

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