

16th October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Coronavirus Update

At the start of term, I wrote to families about the additional measures we would be taking to reduce the risk of spread of the virus. Among these was to ask that all pupils and staff bring a mask to school for use in communal indoor areas such as corridors, between lessons or where the school feel it is appropriate to wear these in order to maximise the safety of our community.

This approach has had benefits in that we have not had a case of COVID among our pupils or staff. I hope this continues, but am prepared if we do have a case.

Tier 2 Lockdown – Impact on schools

As London has moved into a Tier 2 Lockdown, the guidance has changed for schools. The guidance in Tier 2 states that for schools with pupils in Year 7 and above:

“...face coverings should be worn by adults (staff and visitors) and pupils when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.”

This means that all staff and pupils must now bring a mask to school and wear these as above in order to keep each other safe.

What parents must do

- Ensure your child does have a mask as part of their equipment and that they understand the reasons for wearing a mask
- Ensure they understand that they will not be able to continue their normal timetable if they do not have a mask
- Inform the school as soon as possible if your child is medically exempt from wearing a mask and confirm the reason for this by emailing info@compass-schools.com.

Yours sincerely,

Marcus Huntley
Principal