

St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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FACE COVERINGS ARE COMPULSORY FROM MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2020 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Department for Education Guidance (DfE) says: When an area moves to Local COVID Alert Level: high or very high, in settings where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. <u>Face coverings in education - GOV.UK</u> We also have information for any visitors to the school who are also asked to wear a face covering.

LONDON IS COVID ALERT HIGH. From Monday 19 October, all staff and students have been informed that wearing a face covering in school when moving around, in corridors, outside classrooms and in communal areas is **COMPULSORY**. A virtual presentation was made to the whole school to reiterate this message and to support students in this new stage of managing face coverings in school.

Families of students with a health, anxiety, physical or hidden disability reason for not wearing a face covering should inform the school so that we are aware of this exemption. Visit the government website for further information Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own.

It is really important that face coverings are worn correctly and families provide clear instructions to their child on how to wear it to avoid inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission. How to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings

Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching, including to remove or put them on, and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. We have reinforced, and will continue to reinforce these instructions in school.

PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AND ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMPLIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE OF FACE COVERINGS IN THE PLACES WHERE IT IS MANDATED, NOW INCLUDING IN SCHOOL. (UNLESS EXEMPT)

