



Harriers Banbury Academy

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New information: Adults and children over the age of 11 to wear face masks

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will no doubt be aware, cases of Coronavirus in the UK and the local area are becoming increasingly prevalent. With this in mind, as a school, we are constantly reviewing our procedures and routines. We truly believe that in school we are doing everything we can to ensure your child(ren)'s and staff safety and are constantly looking at the advice we receive from the Government to ensure we keep as informed as we possibly can be. We are continuing to keep pupils in their bubbles, decrease the number of shared resources, timetable breaks/lunchtimes to separate bubbles and ensure good hygiene is in place.

The staggered start/finish times and one way system on the school site helps to keep you, your family and the staff safe however, we feel that with rising cases in the community, it is time to request that **all adults and children over the age of 11** who attend to drop off/collect children or enter the school office **wear a face covering from Wednesday 21st October**. Staff welcoming/dismissing children on the playground will also wear a face covering during those times. **Social distancing must be maintained at all times. Pupils of the school will not** need to wear face coverings as they are 11 or younger. Visitors to the site already wear face coverings. *(Please note, the advice remains the same when in school, all children and staff do not need to wear face coverings in the day as they are protected through the use of bubbles and decreased contacts.)*

Whilst we really hope that a local lockdown does not take place, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we do have a robust plan for using Seesaw/Tapestry to provide lessons and activities if this did happen.

Please remember to follow the rules of no more than 6 people meeting and socially distancing from anyone not in your household (this includes when out at the park and around the school site). You can find out more information about the new tier system in an easy to follow format at: <https://www.my-life.org.uk/unsure-of-your-local-covid-19-restrictions-let-us-help/>

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and also for your continued support as always, and we wish you and your families well.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for any enquiries.

Yours sincerely

Alex Pearson
Principal