



Malbank School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents/guardians,

As we stated earlier in the year, we knew we would have to carefully review and reflect on our risk assessment in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as we progressed through the academic year. I have been incredibly proud of the resilience and response from all members of our Malbank community, we have worked hard together towards our shared aims of returning to school safely and re-engaging successfully in learning.

You will no doubt have seen that the R-rate has risen nationally and that cases in our locality have been increasing. It is because of this that I feel now is the right time to make a change to our current practice.

From Monday 12th October I am asking that all students and staff wear masks when in transition between lessons in the corridors around our school. Students will be required to wear a mask when they enter a block and should then remove it when they enter a classroom. They will not be expected to wear masks once they have entered the boulevard during break or lunch and will not need to wear masks when they are on break outside as they will be exclusively within their year group bubbles. The same applies to students entering the sixth form block. Masks worn by all people on site need to be plain in colour without any obvious design.

If a student would normally be exempt from wearing masks in wider society we want to support this in school but would ask that parents contact the relevant Key stage team so we can log this and make staff aware of this to avoid confusion.

The reason for making this decision is purely based on a changing national picture and advice from the local authority and Public Health England. I want to take the opportunity to reassure you that to date, we have had no positive cases of Coronavirus at Malbank and have actually seen a reduction in absence related to covid-like symptoms. Nevertheless, I feel it is my duty to safeguard the continued safety of our school and do all I can to protect the successful and safe start we have enjoyed so far. As such, this next step seems sensible and will be an additional preventative measure to help us to look after one another and keep Malbank fully open so we can continue to build on the fantastic start made by our young people.

Yours sincerely,

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