



## ST WILFRID'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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### RE: The use of face coverings in the Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, today, the Local Director of Public Health, Professor Harrison has asked that the people of Blackburn with Darwen follow some simple steps to help protect the NHS as winter approaches. These are reported in the Lancashire Telegraph.

In addition, he has written to schools within the borough to ask that all students and staff wear face coverings in communal areas. This academic year, my staff and a number of students have continued to wear face coverings as they move through the corridors or when they are in large communal areas such as the Hall, when not eating.

From Thursday 18 November 2021, we are asking all students to wear a face covering as they move through the building and when they are in worship. Students are able to remove their face coverings when they are in class if they wish.

If your child travels by dedicated school transport, or on a public service bus they should also wear a face covering on the bus/coach. Students travelling to off-site PE lessons or fixtures will also be expected to wear a face covering.

Students who are exempt from wearing a face covering on medical grounds should be known to the pastoral team and will have been issued with a yellow lanyard to reflect this.

If your child is exempt and does not have a lanyard, please contact the relevant POD team.

I appreciate that this is short notice, however, I would urge all students to arrive with a face covering from Thursday morning. If your child does not have a face covering, they will be given one on arrival at the Academy.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular lateral flow testing at home. If your child is taking part in this, it is important that the test result is registered with the NHS online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or by calling 119. If your child needs additional test kits, they will be able to collect these from the Main Office each breaktime.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Huddleston  
Principal

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