

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Local Restrictions in Wolverhampton from 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 and the wearing of facemasks in school**

Tomorrow sees the introduction of new local restrictions for Wolverhampton. This is due to a rapid increase in the number of positive cases in the city.

In line with government guidance, here at The King's, we will be making some changes to our Covid-19 systems and procedures with regard to the wearing of facemasks. In particular, the guidance states:

***In these intervention areas, in education settings where Year 7 and above are educated, 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. As in the general approach, it will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning.***

Therefore, **from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we will require all pupils and staff to come to school with their own face mask/covering.** Many pupils already wear a mask including, of course, everyone who uses public transport to get to and from school.

Pupils will be required to wear a facemask in school at all times except for the following when it is optional:

- In lessons
- In the canteen when eating (masks must be worn whilst queuing)
- In the playground when there is plenty of open space

A facemask must be worn at all other times. This includes Year 10 pupils who must wear a mask when sitting in the marquee unless they are eating and Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> form students who must wear a mask in their respective social/common areas.

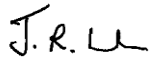
As explained in the [government guidance](#), there are some people who are exempt from wearing a facemask due to health reasons. If you have a health condition where you are exempt from wearing a facemask, please contact Mr Sutton, Vice-Principal at [p.sutton@kingswolverhampton.co.uk](mailto:p.sutton@kingswolverhampton.co.uk) and we will offer support.

In other news, this Friday it is the MacMillan Coffee Morning, the annual fundraising event for the MacMillan cancer support charity. This year we are unable to run a coffee morning and so we are looking at doing things differently. In tutor groups, pupils will be collecting loose change and trying to fill a cup with coins. In addition, several members of staff (including me!) and some of our older students will be taking part in a 5 kilometre challenge around our 'Denise Lewis' running track. This

will take place at lunchtime. If you are able to make a donation in recognition of these effort that would be much appreciated. We have set up a ['Go Fund Me'](#) account page and your donations will go directly to the Macmillan Trust.

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. I am really pleased with how well our pupils are working in school, they are making up for any time lost and ensuring that they make every single lesson count. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. R. U." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Ludlow