

13 September 2020



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter to you on Friday, we received communication from Deborah Myers, Head of Children and Young People, Education and Schools (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) and Andy Kingdom, Head of Public Health (Statutory Director of Public Health). This communication stated that:

“Having reviewed the current regional and local situation and taking account of the most recent Public Health data, we are writing to strongly advise that with effect from Monday 14 September, all staff in primary schools and all staff and pupils in secondary schools should wear face coverings at all times except when in the classroom or when eating and drinking.

We would like to stress that this is a precautionary measure but one we feel is essential to adopt at this time”.

As a consequence, I write to ask that from Monday 14 September, young people bring a face covering to school and a clear, secure plastic bag in which to store the face covering when they are not wearing it. We ask that face coverings are as plain as possible. We recognise that some students have expressed that they wish to wear a face covering in classrooms and this will continue. If this is the case, please contact your child’s Pastoral Manager. Should the wearing of a covering impact negatively on behaviour or attitudes to learning then this will be discussed with parents and the school may insist that the face covering is not worn during lesson time.

The school will not be checking the hygiene of face coverings and take no responsibility for any health issue caused by the wearing of a face covering.

Can I also take this opportunity to request parents/carers remind all young people who travel on public transport that a face covering should also be worn on the journey to and from the academy.

We recognise that some individuals will be exempt from wearing face coverings; if this is the case please contact the Pastoral Manager for your child’s year group:

Year 7	-	daya@holderness.academy
Year 8	-	oglesbyc@holderness.academy
Year 9	-	edmondsonk@holderness.academy
Year 10	-	mellish@holderness.academy
Year 11	-	derbyshirec@holderness.academy

Thank you for your continued support.

Your faithfully,

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