



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

11 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

At 2.48pm this afternoon, we received an email from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council which states the following:

*"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 14th 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.**"*

Clearly, the email came too late for us to communicate this to our students before they left school so I am writing to inform you of this news at this stage. We obviously need to assess the implications of this for our school, staff, learners and the wider community, and I will contact you again with more information in due course. Please do not worry about this sudden possible change. It is precautionary and I remain confident that our academy is a safe place for your child to be, within the current context.

Finally, at the end of an extraordinary week, I would like to thank you all for your support in our efforts to fully reopen our school. I cannot tell you how delighted I was to see all our young people back in school for the first time since 20 March. They have been a real credit to you. Watching and listening to them chatting, laughing and learning was a joy and we are more determined than ever to keep our academy open throughout this current crisis.

Thank you.

Your faithfully,

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