

Dear Parents,

We will always follow the advice provided by the government and Public Health England with regards to the steps we need to take to minimise the risk of COVID-19. The evidence is very clear that transmission within schools is minimal and the steps that we have taken over the summer to prepare for reopening *more than* cover everything that is required.

After discussions with the Public Health Team in Sheffield, Sheffield Park Academy has taken the decision to ask all students and staff to wear face coverings on the corridors and in other communal areas. There is no need to wear them in classrooms or during lessons as the measures we already have in place with regards to social distancing, cleaning and personal hygiene already provide the greatest benefits against transmission of the virus. Students will receive more detailed guidance on their return to school.

In light of the decision above, **pupils are required to provide their own face coverings** when they return to school next week.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that students must wear face coverings on public transport when travelling to, and from school.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school next week.

Yours sincerely



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