



# George Mitchell School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Face masks compulsory outside of classrooms and in communal areas

Following the government's decision to move London into Tier 2, a 'High' Covid alert level, I am writing to inform you that from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, face coverings must be worn in secondary schools by adults and children when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas.

Please ensure that your child brings a face mask to school every day from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. These must be worn outside of the classroom and in communal areas. Students do not have to wear them inside the classroom.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If a student, or a member of their household, displays one or more of the symptoms above, they must get a Covid-19 test as soon as possible and stay at home until the test result is received. If your child tests positive for COVID you must inform the school immediately. Children will have to self-isolate for 10 days and the household must isolate for 14 days.

To enable us to capture as much information as possible about your child's absence, please inform us immediately if your child is absent for reasons related to Covid-19. This includes where a student is self-isolating due to a member of their household showing symptoms or receiving a positive test result, they have been requested to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or are required to quarantine due to travelling to a restricted country.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support and am confident that together we can continue to work towards keeping our children as safe as possible in these unprecedented times.

Best wishes,

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