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Dear Parent/Carer

RE Face coverings

As we prepare for the phased return of all pupil to school I would like to draw your attention to the latest guidelines on face coverings. The most recent advice given is that face coverings should be worn by all learners from S1 – S6 and staff while in classrooms, communal areas and while moving around the school.

None of us enjoy wearing a face covering and we look forward to a time when we don't have to. However face coverings offer important protection from the virus for the user and those they come in contact with. In addition wearing a face covering provides reassurance for those who are particularly concerned or anxious about being in shared spaces with others.

For these reason we would ask that you reinforce at home the importance of wearing a face covering in school.

Some people are exempt from wearing a face covering and there is detailed advice about this available at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): public use of face coverings - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/healthandcare/coronavirus/covid-19/public-use-of-face-coverings). To summarise, the advice states that in the following circumstances some people may be exempt.

- Where a person has a certain health condition, disability or severe anxiety, which prevents them wearing a face covering safely. This includes children with breathing difficulties and disabled children who would struggle to wear a face covering safely.
- Where it would cause difficulty, pain or severe distress or anxiety to the wearer.

The following reasons would not be considered appropriate for an exemption.

- Not wanting to wear a face covering.
- Mild discomfort when wearing one.
- Not wearing a face covering because they steam up your glasses.
- Having a health condition or disability which does not prevent you from wearing a face coverings safely, such as well-managed asthma or if you are deaf and lip read.

We were extremely proud of how seriously pupils took their responsibilities to the wellbeing of themselves and others when we were in school in the autumn and we are sure this will continue when we return next week.

If you think your child does require an exemption please email knoxacademy@knox.elcschool.org.uk and with the email subject of 'Face Coverings'.



As ever, thank you for your support in making our return to school safe for everyone.

Yours sincerely



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