



Kemnal Technology College

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Dear Parents/Carers

FACE COVERINGS

As we make the final preparations for our students to return safely to College, I take this opportunity to ask that you with your child go through the ‘Return to School’ packs that were sent out at the end of July. This is purely to refresh where your child needs to enter the school, the timings of his/her day and where they will be “housed” with their year group. As part of their return, all information will be shared again with your child by their Form Tutor.

You will be aware that the Chief Medical Officer made it clear that the overall risks to children from coronavirus (COVID-19) in relation to education settings is low and that the risks associated with not being in school certainly outweigh those of being in school. The World Health Organisation also published a statement on 21 August 2020 and now advise that “children aged 12 and over should wear a mask under the same conditions as adults, in particular when they cannot guarantee at least a 1-metre distance from others and there is widespread transmission in the area.”

Therefore, in line with the above, the only amendment to the “Return to School” pack is our stance on face coverings. You will be aware that the government have made it clear that they are not recommending they are necessary for all schools. We have taken the decision that students **DO NOT** need to wear face masks within the zone of their own “year group bubble” but **WILL** need to wear a face covering if they are entering a communal area of the school such as front office, SEN, corridors or entering a different “year group zone” within the school.

I remind you that those students who wear masks on public transport will need to dispose of that mask before entering school and will require the use of a new one whilst in the body of the school. Your child will also require the use of a sealed bag ie a sandwich bag so that masks can be securely stored whilst students are eating and/or in class. Again, this will be discussed in detail with your child when they return.

We ask that students do not wear face-coverings in class unless there is a special reason and we expect that students will have their own masks.

Please note that students are now permitted to wear both cloth or disposable face coverings

In line with our previous correspondence the College has implemented a number of new hygiene strategies that all students will need to fully comply with.

You will appreciate that the guidance from Government is being constantly updated. We will let you know if our approach to the wearing of face coverings changes.

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We believe that our school is fully ready for the return of our students and as we have previously said, we would like to keep as many things as 'normal' as possible. You will also understand that we will however be reviewing all of our procedures and protocols regularly and if we are required to make any changes we will inform you immediately.

You will also know from our previous letter that we have been working with TfL in terms of supporting our students who travel by public transport. TfL have confirmed the following which specifically relates to travel on all bus routes to and from the College.

Routes 51 and R11 are planned to run every other bus dedicated for school travel in the morning and the afternoon

Route 321 is planned to run every other bus dedicated for school travel in the morning

Route 638 is planned to run with one additional bus dedicated for school travel in the morning peak;

Route R1 is planned to run with one additional bus dedicated for school travel in the afternoon peak

Route B14 is planned to run with one additional bus dedicated for school travel in the morning peak and one additional bus dedicated for school travel in the afternoon peak

These new measures have been introduced by TfL to support students return to school and will be subject to change. Please continue to check tfl.gov.uk/reopeningeducation in the coming weeks for the latest information on services and safer travel guidance.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our students to College.

In the interim, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor and/or Head of Year.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**