



27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear families,

I write following additional information issued by the government on Tuesday evening regarding the wearing of face masks. As a result of the statement made, the following bullet points will apply to students upon their return in September.

- Your child may wear a covering in school if you feel it is appropriate.
- Face coverings are not mandatory for staff or students.
- Students cannot wear the same face covering on their journey to school and on site in school. Any student wishing to wear a mask must therefore bring two different coverings every day.
- Walworth Academy will not provide face coverings for students so families wishing students to wear them will need to provide them.
- The school is unable to take responsibility for marshaling the use of face masks during the day.
- Masks should be of an appropriate nature – neither slogans nor bandanas will be permitted in school.
- Reusable masks should be washed daily.
- Disposable masks should be replaced daily.
- Gloves will not be permitted on school site; all students will wash their hands on arrival and sanitise regularly.

**In the event of the Local Authority or the Government requiring a local lockdown, facial coverings will become mandatory for staff and students in transition areas throughout the school day.**

We realise this is late information but we hope families appreciate that the guidance surrounding mask wearing was changed very recently and the school has worked hard to accommodate this before the return of students. If you have any questions, please contact the school office in the first instance. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school for their training sessions, the timetable for which can be found on the school website [here](#).

Yours faithfully,

Ms J West  
Principal