



# KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the updated government guidelines, we have reviewed our internal Covid-19 policies and have made the following changes for you all to be aware of, all changes will take effect as of tomorrow (3 November).

We would like to give the option to you, as parents and carers, to choose whether or not your children attend in their PE kits (on days that they have PE timetabled). Our changing room facilities will be available to students who need to use them at the start and at the end of their PE lessons. Government guidance still allows us to have the changing rooms open but we recognise that some may not want to use the facility and therefore you will be able to send your child in their PE kit on days they have PE as the previous arrangement. Conversely, if you are concerned about your child wearing the same clothes all day after taking part in PE, particularly if outdoors, the changing facilities will be available. The changing rooms are sanitised after each use following a strict Risk Assessment. We are liaising with Price and Buckland concerning the new PE kit item and why it is not yet available for purchase. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

From first thing tomorrow it will be mandatory for all students wear masks as they walk through the corridors, for example, transitioning between lessons and as they head towards their dedicated break and lunch areas. We will remind all students to maintain the 1 metre distance during their break and lunch time and would ask for your support in making sure they are aware of the requirement to do so. Please therefore provide your child with a mask and a plastic bag/receptacle to keep the mask in should they chose to remove them once at their desk in their classroom and while eating and drinking.

We are aware there are concerns regarding the year 11 students sitting on stools for the majority of the day. We have asked staff to make sure students move around regularly during lessons and are allowed to get up and stretch and stand if they wish. If there is any student who is particularly tall or has back problems and may be suffering disproportionately, please contact the Head of Year and we will try and provide alternative seating.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs M Newman**  
Principal