



Ark Globe Academy

2 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Ark Globe Academy – Secondary Face Mask Use

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It is an extremely unusual time for our community, and the country, as we try to live with the continuing presence of coronavirus and the increasing infection rates.

As a school community we have had relatively few confirmed cases of coronavirus. This is largely due to the effective health and safety measures that have been put in place and the general high levels of compliance in relation to the guidance we have provided for our staff and students.

Many of you will be aware of the new stricter restrictions imposed by the national Government for the whole of the country that begin on Thursday 5 November. As cases rise we must do all we can to keep our community safe and our Academy open. To this end, last half term we made it compulsory for all students and staff to wear face masks as they move around the building and in communal areas, apart from classrooms during lesson time.

The Academy has provided every student and member of staff with a black face mask. We need to ensure that all students, with the exception of those who are exempt due to medical reasons, have a face mask; **face masks are now considered to be part of the equipment needed for school.** Therefore, from Tuesday 3 November all students will be expected to have a black face mask.

In the event that your child has lost or no longer has the face mask provided by the Academy, we ask you to provide your child with a plain black face mask or a blue ‘disposable surgical’ face mask.

If your child arrives to Ark Globe Academy without a face mask, we will take the following action:

- If your child arrives to the Academy without a face mask on **Tuesday 3 November**, we will provide them with a new black face mask
- If your child arrives to the Academy without a face mask after Tuesday 3 November, on the first occasion they will be receive a C2 detention (30 minutes) and be given a black face mask
- If your child arrives to the Academy on a second occasion without a face mask they will receive a C3 detention (1 hour) and be given a black face mask
- If your child arrives to the Academy on a third occasion without a face mask they will spend one day in our Internal Exclusion Centre, be given a black face mask and a parent meeting will be arranged to discuss how we can ensure that your child remembers to bring their face mask in future.

It is with great reluctance that we will have to sanction students for not having their face masks at school. However, I hope you understand the need for the Academy to protect our community as best we can from the virus and ensure that the Academy remains open so that our children can continue to receive an excellent face-to-face education.

Yours faithfully,

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