

29th November 2021



**Southfields
Academy**

Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware from news reports that much has changed over the weekend with regards to Covid so I am writing to update you with how these changes affect your child.

Face Coverings

As communicated on Sunday, the Department for Education has recommended that all staff and students should wear face coverings in communal areas while on site at the Academy. Please ensure your child has an adequate supply of face coverings so that they have a clean one each day. Please also remind your child that face coverings must also be worn on public transport when travelling to and from school.

Medical Exemptions

If your child cannot wear a face covering due to a medical exemption, please email their Hear of Year giving details. Otherwise, we will expect all students to conform to wearing a face covering.

Vaccinations

12-15 year old students

The NHS is offering the opportunity of a first Covid vaccination for 12-15 year old students on site at the Academy next week, providing a minimum of 50 students sign up. If you would like your child to receive a vaccination, [please complete this form](#) so that we know whether there are sufficient numbers for the NHS to be able to hold this vaccination session at school. If it goes ahead, we will then send the NHS consent form for you to complete.

Please note:

- Your child must be aged between 12-15 years old on the day of the vaccination, which is likely to take place on Thursday 9th December.
- If your child has had Covid since 9th September 2021, they are not eligible for a vaccination yet. This period has been extended recently and was previously 28 days.
- The form must be completed by **noon tomorrow, Tuesday 30th November 2021**.

16 year old+ students

If you wish your child aged 16 and over to receive their vaccinations, please search for 'grab a jab' on the internet and you will be able to arrange this locally.

Clothing in Cold Weather

As we are required to keep students outdoors on arrival to the Academy and during break times, a reminder that students should wear layers under their full school uniform to keep them warm during the winter months. A school jumper and appropriate coat should be worn as well. Given that body heat is lost through the head, students will be permitted to wear a black or navy hat when outside.

Thank you once again for your support in keeping our students and staff safe.

Yours sincerely

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