

14th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Updated Guidance

I am writing to you to give you some updates in relation to our response to Department for Education guidance around Covid-19.

Face coverings:

Students – from 17th May face coverings will no longer be recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas. **Therefore, with effect from Monday, students are not obliged to wear face coverings in school.** If, however, your child still wishes to wear a face covering then they are able to continue to do so moving forwards.

Staff – from 17th May face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. Face coverings will continue to be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

Mobile phones:

Whilst our policy around student use of mobile phones has not changed during Covid, the implementation of some areas have due to national restrictions and transmission rates – this has been the case around confiscation of phones. **With effect from Monday, we are re-introducing Academy-wide confiscation of mobile phones if students are seen with them.** Our policy states:

- *On the first infringement of this policy the mobile phone would be confiscated by the teacher and taken to a secure place within the school office. The student will be able to collect the mobile phone at the end of the school day and a record will be made of the incident. A letter will also be sent to the parent/carer to inform them of the incident.*
- *On the second infringement the mobile phone would be confiscated by the teacher and taken to a secure place within the school office. Parents will be notified and the pupil will not be permitted to collect the phone. It will be the responsibility of the parent to pick up the mobile phone.*
- *On the third infringement the mobile phone would be confiscated and taken to a secure place and a total ban would be imposed. Parents will be notified that any further incidents would result in further sanctions being imposed.*

Thank you, in advance, for support with these matters. If you have any questions relating to any of the above information then please contact us by email on sspp@sspp.lincs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'M. Turton', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Turton
Acting Headteacher