

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



FAO: Parents & Carers

RE: The wearing of face masks in schools

Dear Parents / Carers

As we welcome in the New Year, I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well at this time.

On Sunday 2nd January 2022, the Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi wrote an open letter to education and childcare leaders, a copy of which can be found [here](#). In the letter he states the following in response to the increased cases of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 now being seen nationally:

'We are already taking targeted and proportionate action by recommending face coverings for all adults in the communal areas of all settings, and for pupils and students in year 7 and above in communal areas.

And from 4th January, we also recommend that face coverings should be worn in classrooms and teaching spaces where students in year 7 and above are educated. The advice is short term only and will be reviewed on the 26 January, in line with the review on Plan B measures.'

Following this announcement, we have reviewed and updated our Covid-19 Expectations and Protocols for students, a copy of which can be found [here](#). Consequently when students in all year groups return to Denton Community College on Wednesday 5th January 2022, they will be expected to wear facemasks in all areas of the school building including classrooms, corridors and dining areas, unless medically exempt from doing so. The only exception to this will be in PE and dance lessons where a significant level of physical exertion is required.

Please be reassured these arrangements will be updated again in line with any further announcements made by the Government, following their review on the 26th January 2022.

I would once again like to thank you for your ongoing support in the education of the students at Denton Community College.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Rule', is positioned above the printed name.

Greg Rule
Headteacher