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Covid-19 Control Measures and Uniform

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Please see below important information and instructions for Covid-19 control measures and Uniform.

As you are well aware, we are always assessing the trend data and circumstances with infection rates - as well as the Government guidelines for schools. This coincides with our desire to protect the local community and operate with reasonable requests.

Masks / Face Coverings and Sanitisation / Hand washing

In recent weeks, we have been participating in a Government led monitoring system to CO2 levels in all areas of the Academy. With our ventilation systems in place, readings in our open / communal areas are indicating rates at or below 500 ppm (Parts Per Million). 1500 ppm is the threshold that indicates high amounts of recycled air, including Covid-19 particles, is a concern. With this in mind, **we are in a position to remove the request that all students and staff are required to wear masks or face coverings in areas of transition.**

Whilst it is now optional, we would still recommend that masks or face coverings are worn and that families act in accordance to their circumstances and individual decision making. The optional elements of wearing masks or face coverings in lessons also remain.

A reminder for all students that sanitisation and regular washing of hands are part of our infection control measures, with regular use of hand sanitisation stations in the Academy encouraged.

With these elements in mind, our Risk Assessment will be adjusted accordingly. Please note, this situation is fluid as we continue to monitor the rates of infection in our community and data within the building. If we decide to return to a firmer 'directive' we will of course communicate that with you.

Uniform

As the winter months arrive, we are aware of the potential conflict between ventilation and need for a comfortable working environment. Please be secure that we will not be operating with temperatures below that are acceptable for occupancy. To support this, and to maintain uniform standards, we are reinforcing expectations and options for students.

We would like to encourage students to consider:

- additional 'underlayers' beneath uniform which are not visible or impinge on uniform expectations (i.e. White t-shirt, white 'skins', thermal underwear beneath shirts and trousers, black tights)
- Academy V-neck Jumpers, which can be worn under blazers, or instead of blazers, can be ordered via the following link:

<https://ksschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/corby-business-academy/>



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All other expectations remain in place (i.e. **No trainers, no hoodies, no alternative jumpers / sweat shirts**). Please see the link below for a reminder to uniform expectations:

- Years 7 to 11 - [Corby Business Academy - Uniform](#)
- Sixth Form - [Corby Business Academy - Dress Code](#)

Coats, Books and Bags

Coats, books and bags should still be carried from lesson to lesson. This is to prevent gatherings of students at lockers when looking at infection control measures and to maintain our excellent timings for lesson transitions.

In line with our uniform expectations, as well as normal operating protocols in schools across the country, **coats are only to be worn outside when students are on breaks and lunches, or leaving school at the end of the day – not in the building during the school day.**

Thank you in advance for your support and partnership in these matters, as well as taking the time to reinforce these matters at home or any checks before students leave for school in the mornings.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Underwood

Principal