



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the first half term of the year, I write to you to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term as well as thanking you for all your cooperation and understanding over the past few particularly challenging weeks.

Facial masks and covering

As London has moved into Tier 2, it is now a school requirement for all students to wear a mask when walking in school corridors or in any communal areas. Students can also now optionally wear a mask within the classroom. I must also stress the importance of all students wearing masks when boarding any bus before or after school; our school police officer PC Mark and his colleagues will be supporting TFL in ensuring that students without masks are not allowed onto any bus. The police may also take the details of students boarding buses without masks and contact parents/carers. I would prefer to avoid this, and as such I ask you to support me in ensuring all of our students and your children are in possession of face masks unless there is a valid medical reason. The information below is taken from the DfE website:

When an area moves to the local COVID alert level 'high' or 'very high', in education settings where year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults (staff and visitors) and pupils when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. As in the general approach, it will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning.

DfE: Face coverings in education

Parents/carers of Year 11s:

Mr Greenwood will be uploading a video after the half term break with information on how you can help your Year 11 child prepare for their GCSEs – if you have any questions, please email romard@koinoniafederation.com by 1 November and Mr Greenwood will answer these questions in the video.

Behaviour in local areas

I have received some complaints about student behaviour in local shops before and after school. This has particularly been the case in Woolwich Town centre and in the Peninsula trading park in Charlton. I urge you to speak to your children and ensure they are travelling home straight after school. Students have been reminded that when wearing school uniform, they are representing the school inside or outside of school.

I hope you all enjoy a great week and spend lots of quality time with your children.

Sincerely,

Mr R Hussain
Principal