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**ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Face Masks**

From Monday 2 November 2020 face masks will be **compulsory in all corridors and communal areas** at Dormston School.

As a school we will be providing all students with a washable face mask as part of their school uniform. Even if your child brings their own face mask to school they will still receive this extra mask. This means that there is no excuse for any student to not be wearing a face mask in school. Your child's washable face mask will hopefully be issued to them by the end of their first day back. Please however continue to send them in with their own face mask in case we encounter any issues with delivery.

All staff and students will be required to wear a face mask in corridors and communal areas unless they have a medical exemption. Please notify Mrs Lewis our School Nurse if you think your child is exempt from wearing a face mask. You can do this via email [klewis@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:klewis@dormston.dudley.sch.uk). Any students who are medically exempt will be issued with a purple badge so that they remain unchallenged.

If your child comes to school without a face mask or loses the face mask they have been provided with, we will issue them with a disposable mask for the day and their name will be logged for failure to comply with our uniform policy. **A mask will then need to be immediately re-purchased ready for the next day. This can be purchased from the school via ParentPay or from an alternative provider.**

All staff have been asked to ensure that every child puts their face mask on before leaving class. Any students who do not wear their face mask in the corridor will be challenged and questioned. Any students who do not have a face mask will be immediately reported in order for remedial action to be taken. **Failure to follow our compulsory face mask requirements repeatedly will result in serious sanctions such as detentions and/or exclusions.** Please talk to your child about taking responsibility for their face mask and keeping it safe. Face masks are our best line of defence and it is vital that we all play our part in helping keep our school community safe.

We understand that some parents/carers may wish to purchase **additional** face masks for their child from school. If you require any additional masks please send an email request to [churst@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:churst@dormston.dudley.sch.uk). We are aiming to roll out this 'additional face mask purchasing service' WC 16 November 2020 so please bear with us in the interim. Your child can continue to wear their non-Dormston issued face masks both in the interim and in the future. We recommend however that you wash your child's face mask as regularly as possible and put their name inside it.

With cases on the rise, both locally and nationally, we have a duty as a school community to do all that we can to ensure we try and prevent the virus spreading unnecessarily. In order to limit

transmission every member of the Dormston community has to play their part; that means us as a school, you as parents/carers and also our students. We genuinely hope that you will therefore support us with this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Dixon' with a period at the end. The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

**Mr S Dixon**  
**Head Teacher**