AS/jaj - Tier 2 Restrictions

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Government has announced that new restrictions are to be enforced in Walsall from Wednesday 14th October 2020. This is classed as a national intervention and we have received confirmation from Walsall Council that Walsall schools are now moving to Tier 2 of the national restriction for education and childcare.

What do Tier 2 restrictions mean?

The default position for areas in national government intervention is that education and childcare settings will remain open. An area moving into national intervention with restriction, short of education and childcare closure, is described as 'Tier 2'. The only difference in education settings is that where pupils in Year 7 and above are educated, **face coverings** should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Further guidance on face coverings can be found here – www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk/face-coverings/

Tier 2 means that all schools remain open and continue to allow all their children and young people to attend, on site, with no other restrictions in place (apart from social distancing).

What do I need to know for my child?

The system of controls we have successfully implemented will continue. They continue to be effective. From Wednesday 14th October 2020 all pupils and adults (unless exempt due to a medical condition or a diagnosed Special Need) will be required to wear face coverings in corridors and other indoor spaces outside of classrooms.

Please ensure your child has a plain face covering with them from Wednesday 14th October. They **must** wear it on public transport and pupils will be informed on how the Tier 2 system will work in school.

What should I do if my child needs to be exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition or a diagnosed Special Need?

If your child is exempt please write this into their planner, sign and date it. If your child does not have a note stating their exemption from wearing face coverings in their planner, they will be required to wear a face covering at certain times during the school day. We will provide updates as we receive them.

I would like to thank you personally for your support as we implement the Tier 2 measures.

Yours sincerely

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