

Haydock High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we want to thank everybody for our full return on Monday. Despite all the COVID changes students were wonderful following all the procedures. Our attendance was the best first day back with above 95% of students in school.

We really appreciate your support at this time. The students are doing really well adapting to the new rules and procedures and parents have been helping us with dropping students off at the correct time and providing packed lunches. We have installed two new hand washing stations, additional to the sinks in the toilets, that students should use at break and lunch.

As we are aware the situation with COVID is changeable and we need to make adjustments to respond to the local situation. All schools have received the following advice from Public Health England:

Whilst Cheshire and Merseyside has not yet been placed in a local lockdown, the region is experiencing an increase in local transmissions of Covid-19 which, if left to increase further, may result in lockdown restrictions being put in place. With this in mind, we are strongly encouraging the use of face coverings by staff and pupils (Year 7 and above) when moving around in communal areas or corridors, in the event that social distancing is difficult to maintain.

However, social distancing when possible, good hand hygiene are the most effective measures against this virus. It is essential everybody follows the well published routines at Haydock. St Helens has continually had low COVID numbers, so it is essential we are not complacent and work to best endeavours to minimise the risk.

Therefore, as from **Monday 14**th **September** all staff and students will be required to wear a face covering in communal areas e.g. corridors, canteen etc. Advice will be given to students on how to safely wear face coverings. Please provide your son/ daughter with a face covering that is plain and is either navy blue, black or light blue.

If your child cannot wear a face covering due to health reason then please write a note to this effect in your their school planner.

We will continually review our practices especially following advice form PHE.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mr. Abram Head of School Mr. Sheeran

Executive Headteacher