



# St Michael's Catholic College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Covid-19 Tier 2 Restrictions – Impact on schools

As London moves to a Tier 2 high risk area from 17<sup>th</sup> October the guidance has now changed for schools. The Department for Education (DFE) states that in areas where local lockdowns or restrictions are in place, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils (in years 7 and above) in schools, outside classrooms and when moving around communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain e.g. corridors etc.

Therefore, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October:

### **All students and staff must wear face coverings inside the college building when in corridors and communal areas.**

It will be regarded as a serious health and safety breach if a student is found in a corridor or communal area without wearing a face covering, unless they are exempt. Face coverings will **not** be necessary in the classroom except: when in the Alternative Provision Base, any occasion where staff are providing 1:1 support and cannot remain 2 metres away from a student and in smaller NT classrooms in the new building when there are 8 or more students in the class. However, any student or member of staff can choose to wear a face covering in any classroom should they prefer.

What parents/carers must do:

- Ensure your child has a clean face covering with them every day (plain black, navy, grey or surgical) and that they understand the reasons for wearing a face covering and how to wear it properly. They should also have a small plastic bag in their blazer for placing the face covering in when they are in lessons or eating lunch.
- Inform the college asap via [contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk](mailto:contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk) if your child is medically exempt from wearing a face covering and provide evidence.

I would also ask that all parents, carers and students follow the Tier 2 restrictions in particular not socialising with anybody outside their household/support bubble in any indoor setting and by following the rule of six when socialising outdoors. These actions support all of the hard work undertaken by the college every day to keep our students, staff and community safe and to keep St Michael's fully open despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Yours Faithfully

Ms F. Corcoran  
Principal

