

# Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Viking Parents & Carers,

**Start of the new academic year at Viking...** I am writing to express my gratitude on behalf of the Viking staff for the support shown by parents and families across the first four weeks of this new school year. Each of our schools have needed to introduce a variety of measures to ensure the children have been able to return to school in the safest way possible.

In order to maintain 'bubble' groupings for children, we have required a greater flexibility from parents to allow for our schools to continue to function smoothly. I am so very appreciative of the understanding families have shown and am proud the positive **Viking 'spirit of togetherness'** is very much apparent.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, we have decided to introduce an additional precautionary measure across our schools as a further way to protect each other and keep our community safe and well.

**Face coverings:** As of tomorrow (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September), we politely encourage all adults and secondary aged children to wear a face covering when entering our school sites during 'drop-off' and collection times. As you are aware, we have fluid timings in place to stagger the number of people together at any time, however, the start and end of the school day are the two points whereby social distancing is more difficult and a greater number of people gather together in one place.

Whilst new government measures introduced yesterday made the wearing of face coverings compulsory for certain members of the workforce (hospitality and retail), the Prime Minister only stressed his desire to ensure schools remain open. The finer detail as to how schools achieve this has very much been left down to school leaders.

**We therefore ask that you respect our decision and continue to work with us as we try to protect our children, staff and families.**

Inside the school building, our children and staff have the choice as to whether to wear protective face coverings. All visitors to school (including parents) are asked to wear a mask on entering the building.

I thank you in advance for your continued support at this time. I have shared alongside this letter an updated copy of our Viking Parent Code of Conduct. This shares our expectation on families to work in partnership with the school during your child's educational journey with us – and this positive relationship, built on trust, is essential now more than ever.

Be safe, be considerate and let's keep our community well!

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