

30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Parents and Carers  
of TQEA Students**



**The Queen Elizabeth  
Academy**

“We Can and We Will”

Dear Parents and Carers,

I expect you will have seen in the national media that Coronavirus cases in schools is rising and, as a result, 1 in 20 students nationally are being asked to isolate. The number of students not in school due to Coronavirus related absence has quadrupled in less than a month. This is as a result of the highly transmissible Delta variant. Whilst I am delighted to report that, to date, we have had no confirmed cases in school since December, we are very much aware of the changing picture locally and maintain our existing system of safe controls. It is important that we maintain education and that our children, who have faced much disruption this year, are in the academy where they are best placed; learning and with their friends.

My duty of care is to our community of students and staff. As a result, I am going to recommend that all students return to wearing masks in classrooms and corridors until the end of the summer term. This expectation will start on **Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2021**. Therefore, I ask that you provide your child with a mask each day, which can be worn hygienically and cared for by each individual student. The purpose is for us to ensure that we reduce the potential for Coronavirus transmission in our academy and in our community. We are still in a position in which a great number of our staff and all of our students remain unprotected as they await the roll out of vaccinations.

As before, if your child is not going to wear a mask, on medical grounds, I ask you to email Mrs Bickley in order for us to prepare exemption lanyards. If your child does not have an exemption lanyard we will expect that your child will be wearing masks in classrooms and corridors.

Mrs Bickley can be contacted at: - [info@tqea.org.uk](mailto:info@tqea.org.uk). Please state the name of your child, their tutor group and the medical reason for mask exemption.

By wearing masks we can keep our community safer as we approach the summer break and ensure that everyone enters the holidays safe and well.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr Neil Harding  
Principal  
The Queen Elizabeth Academy