

27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, last night the government changed their advice surrounding the wearing of masks in schools. Previously the guidance was that they were not necessary in schools. This has now been updated and the department of education has stated:

*'Nationwide, while the government is not recommending face coverings are necessary, schools will have the discretion to require face coverings in communal areas if they believe that is right in their particular circumstances'*

Therefore, we will support the wearing of masks at Montsaye Academy. I do recognise that some students will feel more comfortable wearing a facemask in communal areas, corridors, whilst moving around the school and in the restaurant and café. We have updated our behaviour addendum to reflect these changes. We would ask that you read this carefully. Please note that masks should be school appropriate (plain) and must be worn sensibly and appropriately when required to do so. We need to ensure that everyone is safe.

We are very much looking forward to having all our students back in September and are committed to ensuring that everyone at Montsaye Academy is safe so that our children can continue with their education. I thank you on my behalf and on behalf of my team, at Montsaye Academy for your full support during this rapidly changing landscape

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MGabbi', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mrs Meena Gabbi  
Principal