



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers,

It really has been a busy first term and I could not be prouder of the efforts of all staff, students and families all of whom have contributed to successful full reopening of LNS. At the start of this academic year I spoke to all students about their aspirations, to 'dream big', and take advantage of every opportunity put before them. I have been incredibly proud of the way the boys have responded to these messages through the positive attitudes they have demonstrated towards their learning, their commitment to LNS and the wider community, and their engagement with so many extra curricular opportunities. These positive behaviours are reflected in the large number of boys across all year groups that have managed to make it into their year groups 'Top 10'. Our culture of 'Positive Reward' is further demonstrated in the 20,000 achievement points awarded across all year groups. Congratulations to all pupils for their achievements this term. Linked to this letter you will find the first addition of our new school magazine 'Navigate'. This will become a regular feature and will showcase the successes of LNS students and will provide a regular insight into life at LNS. I hope you enjoy the read!

Please read the information below which concerns some key changes for LNS from Mon 2nd Nov 2020.

What's the change?

You will know by now that London has been placed into the 'Tier 2 – High Alert' category by the government. With this change, we have been issued new and updated guidance with regards to face coverings.

The guidance states:

"When an area moves to the local COVID alert level 'high' or 'very high', in education settings where year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults (staff and visitors) and pupils when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. As in the general approach, it will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning."

Full guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

What does this mean for schools?

The key points from this guidance are as follows:

1. Face coverings now need to be worn by all staff, students and visitors when moving through corridors and other internal communal areas, such as lunch queues and assembly lines.
2. Face coverings are not required in classrooms, where protective measures are already used.
3. Face coverings are not required outside, where there is fresh air and enough distance.

What do I as a parent/carer need to do?

It is essential that, from Monday 2nd November 2020 when we return after Half Term, all students must arrive at school with a face covering – they must be plain and dark coloured, or a disposable single-wear blue medical mask. All students must also be sent in with a small sealable bag. This is so that we comply with the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance on how to handle face coverings safely.

Note: Masks must not be patterned, have logos or any symbols, or be bright in colour. This aligns to our uniform policy. Dark blue or black are a safe bet. Blue medical masks are accepted, though these are disposable and should be single-use only.

What else do I need to know?

We now need to insist on students wearing masks in corridors and communal areas, unless we know of a medical reason, or other, why your child should not. Students will be given guidance on how to wear these safely on return and will be expected to do so. We want all students to feel safe and comfortable with these new rules. As with other school rules, if a student chooses not to wear their mask appropriately, they will be sanctioned accordingly.

Should I be sending my child to school while the school is in ‘Tier 2’?

Yes. It is our belief that students get a much better education when they are on site and in our care. The government and the Department for Education believe the best place for children to be at this time is in school, and we agree. We therefore ask you to support us by sending your child in, unless they are unwell and/or present specific COVID-19 symptoms. A reminder of the most recent definitions of main symptoms are below:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> [6 My child has been wearing a face covering since](#)

If your child has a reason for not wearing a face covering, please let us know. We are committed to ensuring that all students and staff feel safe and comfortable with this new guidance, and will happily make exceptions where appropriate. Please contact admin@lns.org.uk

Free School Meals

For those families whose sons are entitled to Free School Meals, Tesco vouchers will be distributed on Monday 2nd November 2020 via email. You can reclaim these to a value of £15:00 as you checkout.

Key Dates

Please see below for details of your child's curriculum evening that we will be running immediately after half-term. These virtual evenings will provide vital information about the curriculum intentions for the year and further details about remote learning. Details on how to access these meetings and timings will be shared with you on our return to school:

- Year 7: Wednesday 4th November
- Year 8: Tuesday 17th November
- Year 9: Tuesday 10th November
- Year 10: Monday 16th November
- Year 11: Wednesday 11th November

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- Year 12 and 13: Wednesday 16th November

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and governors I thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you a very restful and enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Schofield', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Schofield
Headteacher