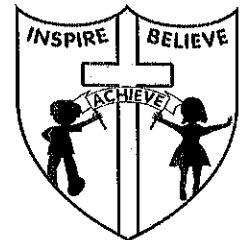


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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

10 September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We have today received an email from the local authority asking for our support in addressing our concerns about the improper use of face coverings on dedicated school transport.

The Council is receiving a high number of contacts from transport providers and parents that are worried because many children are boarding transport wearing a face covering and then removing it during journeys.

As you know it is mandatory to wear a face covering on public transport unless exemptions apply. Public Health recommends face coverings on dedicated school transport for all children aged 11 and over. **Lincolnshire County Council's local stance for dedicated school transport is that all travellers must wear a face covering if they can, including children under age 11.**

I ask that you please reiterate to your child, the importance of wearing a face covering (if they are able to do so safely) for the duration of their journey.

Below is what the Council intends to do to further respond to issues:

- Details of any incident should be reported to Transport Services Groups using the [MAX23 Incident Report Form](#).
- The Council will make direct contact with the School to raise the concern.
- We will ask schools to communicate with all relevant pupils and parents/carers and ensure they understand the issue and how we need the pupil to respond in future.

We would like to further reiterate that our colleagues in Public Health have indicated that wearing a face covering, along with the other preventative measures in place, will noticeably reduce a pupil's need to self-isolate if they are travelling on a school transport vehicle where a peer subsequently tests positive for Covid-19. This is even more of an incentive to encourage the use of face covering.

We appreciate your support with this issue.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Adie
Head of School



I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13