LUCY CAVENDISH COLLEGE

Face coverings policy

1. Purpose and scope of the procedure

1.1 In the context of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, England is currently (19/7/21) entering Stage 4 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary). The Government has removed the laws regarding the wearing of face coverings and now expects and recommends that they continue to be worn in crowded areas such as public places.

1.2 In public, it is up to individuals to decide when they might wish to continue to wear face coverings, in College at this moment in time there is no change to face covering policy.

1.3 This policy will be reviewed prior to the next Government review of mitigations on August 16th.

2. What constitutes a face covering

2.1 In line with the UK Government and University guidance 2,3, a face covering is something which safely covers nose and mouth. College provide students with reusable face coverings at the start of the academic year but both reusable and disposable masks are readily available in shops. The Government guidance also suggests other garments which may be worn and tells you how to make your own.

3. When must a face covering be worn in College?

3.1 If you are a student, face coverings must be worn indoors at all times in College outside of your households. Within College accommodation this includes all shared areas such as hallways, stair wells, lifts etc. You may remove your facemask only once you are inside your own household accommodation or upon exiting a building. Staff and visitors must wear a face covering at all times except outdoors.

3.2 Face coverings do not need to be worn when you are sitting down to eat or drink in the dining hall or in the College cafe – both these activities are at designated, socially distanced tables.

3.4 Before and after you sit to work at your desk or study area you should clean the area thoroughly using the alcohol sprays available. In these situations, should you have to get up and move around the room, (regardless or not if there is anyone else present at that moment in time) you should don your face covering.
3.5 At all times strict hand hygiene should be observed. Study spaces or desks that you have been working at must be cleaned thoroughly before and after use using the alcohol sprays provided. The dining hall and student cafe areas will be cleaned by the staff during service hours.

4. College sanctions regarding face coverings

   i) Failure to wear a face covering where one is expected to be worn and where there is no mitigation will warrant consideration by the Dean. Likely sanctions include a fine or community service.
   ii) As with all rules in College, continued offences will merit further sanctions.

5. References and notes

   1. This policy is brought into operation for the current (January 2021) coronavirus pandemic. It is envisaged that its use will cease once the latter is declared over.
   2. Please read and refer to the University's Community Statement, as mentioned, all incoming and returning students should have read and signed this prior to arrival in Michaelmas Term 2020.