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Lucy Cavendish College
Face Coverings Policy

Purpose and scope of the procedure

• In the context of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the UK Government recommends the wearing of face coverings in enclosed spaces where it is impossible to maintain social distancing (2 m). There are also laws regarding the wearing of face coverings in specific indoor settings. These are set out in the Government guidance: Face coverings: when to wear one and how to make your own.
• The purpose of this policy is to state where within the College premises face coverings must be worn.

What constitutes a face covering

• 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.

When must a face covering be worn in College?

• Face coverings must be worn indoors in College outside of your households. For most people, except students and a small number of other College members who live in College accommodation, this means all indoor settings.
• Face coverings do not need to be worn when you are sitting down to eat in the dining hall or drinking seated in the College bar – both these activities are at designated, socially distanced tables.
• Face coverings can also be removed when you sit down to work, either at your desk if you are a member of staff or at a study area if you are a student.
• 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, if it is a shared work space (regardless or not if there is anyone else present at that moment in time) you should don your face covering.
• 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 Bar areas will be cleaned by the staff during service hours.

College sanctions regarding face coverings

• 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.
• As with all rules in College, continued offences will merit further sanctions.

References and notes

• This policy is brought into operation for the current (August 2020) coronavirus pandemic. It is envisaged that its use will cease once the latter is declared over.
• 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.

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