



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Face coverings in school

The government have recently updated their guidance on the use of face coverings in educational settings; full information on this can be found via the following link

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

The school position on face coverings from September will be as follows:

- Face coverings **can** be worn by adults and students when moving around the school, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is more difficult to maintain.
- It will not be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and where they can inhibit learning.
- Face coverings must be worn correctly.
- Face coverings must be appropriate; plain in colour or a simple fabric pattern with no logos/emblems (see examples below). Decisions on appropriateness will be at the discretion of senior staff. A replacement will be provided if the design/style of a mask is deemed to be inappropriate.

We will, of course, continue to keep our approach under review. If Birmingham becomes subject to new local interventions/restrictions our position will be further revised and we will communicate this to parents/carers.

No students will be excluded from attending school on the grounds that they are not wearing a face covering.

Safe removal, storage and disposal

Students will be regularly reminded how to safely remove, store and dispose of their face coverings. Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.

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A guide to making a simple face covering

Public Health England have also produced a simple guide to making a cloth face covering available via this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

Examples of appropriate/inappropriate face coverings

	 Acceptable
	 Not acceptable: Contains a logo
	 Acceptable
	 Not acceptable: contains an emblem
	 Acceptable: Simple fabric pattern

Contingency supplies

The school will have a stock of facemasks available at reception and in the pastoral office for any students that misplace theirs during the day and require them to travel home on public transport. We will also have a small supply of facemasks in the event that students are struggling to access a face covering, or where they are unable to use their face covering due to having forgotten it or it having become soiled or unsafe. In general, we will not be distributing PPE to students.

Yours sincerely,

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

Dr J Coughlan
Principal