



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

UPDATE

Since the letter below was posted earlier today regarding face coverings, the Department for Education have advised that Birmingham schools will now be moving to Tier 1. This means that face coverings should be worn by staff and students when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas.

11th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Face coverings in school

In my letter dated 27th August 2020 I made reference to the government's recently updated 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>

As stated in this letter we will continue to keep our approach under review. An example of this being if Birmingham becomes subject to new local interventions/restrictions.

In light of the rising cases of COVID-19 in Birmingham and the announcement this afternoon of Birmingham lockdown restrictions being increased, from Monday 14th September 2020, we are **strongly advising** our students and staff to bring a face mask to school and to wear the mask as they move around inside the school buildings between lessons. Mask wearing will not be compulsory outside the buildings, in lessons or in offices or while eating in designated areas.

We have made this decision in order to further reduce transmission within the school and the subsequent disruption to learning that this will inevitably lead to.

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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr J Coughlan
Principal