



Wednesday, 07 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have decided that because of the rising number of Covid 19 cases that we should adopt a new facemask policy. We will review our risk assessment in line with this change.

From Monday 12th October all students and staff must wear a facemask in indoor social areas and whilst moving around the school corridors. I have set out the guidance below to help you.

When will my child need to wear a face covering at school?

Your child will need to wear a face covering at our school from Monday 12th October

Where exactly will my child need to wear it in school?

They will need to wear it when they move through shared indoor areas of the school where it is difficult to stick to social distancing. This includes corridors and indoor social areas except when seated or eating/drinking.

If your child travels to school by one of our dedicated school buses, or a transport service that only carries pupils. E.g. taxis

They **will not** need to wear a face covering outside or in their classroom

What will my child need?

Your child needs to come to school with:

- A **face covering**. We'd recommend a reusable one so that they can use it more than once, as they will need to take it on and off several times during the school day. If this is not an option, they will need to bring in several single-use face coverings each day. Their face covering should be secured to their head using ear loops only
 - A **sealable plastic bag** to keep their face covering in when they are not using it so that it doesn't contaminate (or get contaminated by) other surfaces in school
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Where can I get a face covering?

Reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online

We have attached instructions from the government on how to make a cloth face covering

Supervise your child if they will be making it themselves

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How should my child use their face covering?

Watch [this video](#) from the World Health Organisation with your child so they know how to wear their face covering safely. We'll watch this in class too

Their face covering needs to cover their nose and mouth when they are wearing it

They should not touch the front of the face covering or the part that has touched their mouth or nose

They should wash their hands before and after touching the face covering, including to take it off or put it on. They should store it in an individual, sealable plastic bag between uses

If it becomes damp, they should not wear it, and they should replace it carefully

Single-use face coverings should be disposed of after use (**not** in a recycling bin)

How often will it need to be washed?

Reusable face coverings will need to be washed at the end of each day, ready for your child to wear the next day

If your child has taken a spare reusable mask from school, this will also need to be washed before they use it again

You can wash and dry reusable face coverings with normal laundry – follow the washing instructions for the fabric and use normal detergent

What if my child is exempt from wearing a face covering?

They will not need to wear one in school

Please let us know by contacting us if your child [is exempt](#) so that we don't ask them to wear a face covering

We will give them a lanyard identifier to avoid them being stopped by staff

What about my younger child?

This guidance on wearing face coverings does not apply to children under the age of 11

What if my child forgets their face covering?

We will have a small supply of spares available at school

To be safe in the knowledge that everyone has one, please make sure your child has their own so that we can keep our supply of spares for emergencies



Sources

- > [Face coverings in education](#), GOV.UK – DfE
- > [Face coverings: when to wear one and how to make your own](#), GOV.UK – DfE

Thank you for your support with this matter. I am sure you will agree with me that we all need to work together to keep our school as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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