

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 when school starts in September. We have decided to introduce this measure because we feel it's appropriate to keep everyone safe at school, based on the latest guidance

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's difficult to stick to social distancing. This includes corridors and arriving at dining areas
- They **won't** need to wear it outside or in their classrooms
- Staff will inform pupils when to apply the mask and how to do it safely. Pupils should not wear a mask unless instructed to do so.
- Pupils will be in their bubbles for the majority of the day, mask use in communal areas should be for limited periods of time. Staff will also follow the same protocols too.

What will my child need?

- Your child needs to come to school with:
- **Two face coverings (with one as a spare in case of loss or damage.)** We 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 isn't an option, they will need to bring in several single-use face coverings each day. Face coverings should be secured to your child's head using ear loops only.
- A **sealable plastic bag** to keep the face covering in when they are not using it so that it doesn't contaminate (or get contaminated by) other surfaces in school.

Where can I get a face covering?

- Reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online
- Face coverings should be of appropriate for a school setting, with no inappropriate or offensive images.

Travelling to and from school on public or dedicated transport.

- When travelling on public or dedicated transport your child should wear a face covering, minimise the surfaces they touch and maintain their distance from others, where possible.

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 will watch this in class too
- Their face covering needs to cover their nose and mouth when they're wearing it
- They shouldn't touch the front of the face covering or the part that's 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 shouldn't wear it, and they should replace it carefully
- Single-use face coverings should be disposed of after use in lidded bins or at home (**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 they don't have another clean one to wear
- 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 won't need to wear one in school
- Please let us know by contacting your child's Head of House or Mrs Robson our SENCO if your child is exempt on medical grounds so that we don't ask them to wear a face covering

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 small supply of spares for emergencies