



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: JMK/TA

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Face Coverings in School

In my letter to you dated 27 August, I said I would be reviewing the wearing of face coverings in school at the start of term, in accordance with the local and national picture surrounding COVID-19. Nationally we have seen the number of cases of COVID-19 starting to increase and there has recently been a local primary school with a confirmed case.

The Department for Education has given headteachers the flexibility to introduce face coverings in their schools according to their own circumstances. Having reviewed our risk assessment and considered the local and national picture, I have decided that from **Monday 14 September, ALL students and staff will be required to wear a face covering** in school:

- when arriving to and departing from school
- during lesson changeover, communal areas and corridors
- during break/lunch social times outside

Face coverings are NOT required to be worn:

- in lessons, assemblies or form rooms when students are in year-group bubbles
- when students are sitting and eating their lunch.

It is essential that face coverings are worn correctly with regular hand washing/sanitising of hands before and after use. When students remove the face covering, they should be placed in a plastic resealable bag and stored in their own bag. The Department for Education has provided guidance on how to wear a face covering properly: [Wearing face coverings](#)

Please can you ensure your child is wearing an appropriate face covering in school on Monday 14 September and emphasise the importance of wearing the face covering sensibly and safely. Please can you also provide your child with a plastic resealable bag for the safe keeping of the face covering when removed.

If your child travels to school on a public service or dedicated school bus, the wearing of a face covering remains compulsory.

Parents and visitors are currently only allowed in school by appointment. If you are entering the school premises, please can I ask you to also wear a face covering.

The wearing of face coverings, together with the other protective measures the school has put in place, are designed to minimise risk of COVID-19 and protect our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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