

29 November 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement this weekend from Boris Johnson and the subsequent additional guidance released from the DFE regarding Covid 19 (please see below). I am writing to inform you of a temporary change to the school risk assessment and the wearing of face masks.

The school will be implementing the temporary guidance as of Tuesday 30th November. This will mean all pupils will be expected to wear a face mask in the communal areas of school, unless they are exempt. Face masks will not be required to be worn in the classroom unless your child wishes to do so.

The school has updated its latest risk assessment to incorporate the changes. In the interim please ensure you remind your child of good hygiene for everyone, including the frequent and thorough washing of hands, hand hygiene, the catch it, bin it, kill it approach, respiratory hygiene, both of which are recommended best practice for the prevention of spreading infection

DFE latest guidance for school, Face coverings

Face coverings help protect the wearer and others against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of COVID-19. Where pupils in year 7 (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2021) and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure. Pupils in these schools should also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and dedicated transport to and from school. We do not advise that pupils and staff wear face coverings in classrooms. In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings. See Circumstances where people are not able to wear face coverings: for exceptions to this. Face coverings do not need to be worn when outdoors. Schools, as employers, have a duty to comply with the Equality Act 2010 which includes making reasonable adjustments for disabled staff. They also have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, to support them to access education successfully. (DFE)

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Yours sincerely

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