

FACE COVERINGS

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

From when school starts in September. We've 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'll need to wear it when they move through shared indoor areas of the school where it's difficult to stick to social distancing, such as corridors, PE changing rooms and toilets.

What will my child need?

A face covering. We'd recommend a reusable one so that they can use it more than once, as they'll 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. The face covering should be secured to your child's head using ear loops only.

Is there any specific colour the face covering needs to be?

Face coverings worn on the school site must be plain or have a simple pattern and be sensible and must not have inappropriate pictures or designs, such as skulls or skeletons, on them. They must cover the mouth and nose only and in no circumstances must the upper part of the face or eyes be covered.

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 won't need to wear one in school. Please let us know by contacting the school office on 01708 730244 if your child is exempt so that we don't ask them to wear a face covering. In settings where face coverings are required in England, there are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering.

- People who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability.
- Where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress.
- If you are speaking to, or providing assistance to, someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate.