

4th September 2020

Subject: Face Coverings in School

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to update you prior to students returning to school next week, with regards to the recent government announcement about the wearing of face coverings in school settings.

The following guidance has been issued:

Scientific evidence suggests that the use of face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained. The DfE have confirmed that schools will have the discretion to require face coverings in communal areas where social distancing cannot be safely managed.

Based on this guidance and evidence, we are strongly recommending that all secondary students should wear face coverings when moving around the building, transitioning between lessons and when indoors during break and lunch time (excluding the dining hall) when social distancing might be difficult to maintain.

Face coverings in lessons:

As well as communal areas, some staff and students may feel more at ease with opting to wear a mask within the classroom setting as an additional measure to those already taken with regards to minimising contact through groupings. Whilst this has not been outlined as mandatory school guidance, we are in support of student/parent choice with regards to this measure, and ask that you discuss this with your child, and provide us with written consent where the wearing of a mask in lessons is required.

If you have any concerns about the guidance issued for face coverings in lessons and would like to discuss the use of face coverings further, then please do contact your child's Pastoral Leader.

Practical guidance to note:

- Masks are not required to be worn in the playground or external spaces
- If students wear a face covering within school, it must be different to the one they use when travelling to and from school, please ensure that your child has a second mask to change in to, and a sealable plastic bag to store their used mask in
- If your child is wearing a face covering in school, it will need to be plain white, black or grey with no logos.



Removal of face coverings

We will be communicating the process for removing face coverings on arrival to school and putting on and removing face coverings while in the school building to all students as part of their induction. Details of this process are attached to this letter for parent's information.

If you would like to discuss any of this information further, please do not hesitate to get in touch via info@isaacnewtonacademy.org or 020 8911 6666.

Yours sincerely,

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PLEASE REMOVE FACE MASK AND SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ENTRY

1



Avoid touching the front of the mask. Only touch the ear loops

2



Hold both of the ear loops

3



Gently lift and remove the mask

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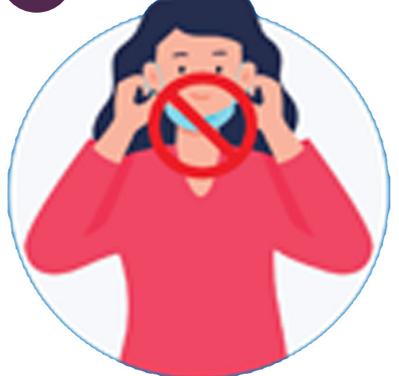
Throw the mask in a bin provided. If your mask is reusable, place it in a plastic bag in your bag

5



Clean your hands with hand sanitiser, or soap and water

6



Do not pull the mask under your chin and do not put it back on