

Dear parents,

Following recent changes in Government advice and WHO announcements, we are slightly amending our approach to facemasks for the senior school.

Unless a pupil is exempt due to medical reasons, we ask that all pupils wear facemasks when they are inside the school buildings, outside of lesson time. We therefore ask for all pupils to be equipped with a reusable plain coloured face mask. Examples of where we would ask for facemasks to be used would include when entering the Green Building or the Maths Block on the way to form or to lessons and when leaving their form rooms at the end of the school day. We are not asking pupils to wear face masks in lessons, when outside or when having their lunch in their form room.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Angeli and Mrs Fleming

We ask that face coverings should:

- Cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- Fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- Be secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- Be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- Ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used)
- Be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged

When wearing a face covering, pupils should:

- Wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- Avoid wearing on their necks or foreheads
- Avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with their mouth and nose.
- Have a second face covering in school if they feel a fresh one is appropriate during the day.

When removing a face covering, pupils should:

- Wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- Only handle the straps, ties or clips
- Do not give it to someone else to use
- Wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- Wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed.