

4th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, Holyrood strongly recommends that all students and staff wear a face covering as of Monday 9th November. Students will be free to wear a face covering anywhere on the school site, including in their lessons should they wish, and as such I wanted to provide some guidance on this before the weekend.

Students should always wear a face covering in these situations:

- When travelling on school buses or public transport
- When travelling between lessons, both inside and outside
- When in indoor communal spaces such as lunch halls
- When in the PE changing rooms

Students are welcome to remove their face coverings when in lessons or when outside during break or lunch time. If they feel more comfortable to wear them, they can. Please be aware that if a student uses a face covering to mask poor behaviour in a lesson, their teacher will ask them to remove it.

Today, the DfE announced that:

'In schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. This was already the case for pupils in year 7 and above, and staff and visitors for those schools that were in areas where local alert level 'high' and 'very high'.

Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings and we expect adults and pupils to be sensitive to those needs.

Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college.'

The DfE also states that:

'Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.

On the basis of current evidence, in light of the mitigating measures education settings are taking, and the negative impact on communication, face coverings will not generally be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible. There is greater use of the system of controls for minimising risk, including through keeping in small and consistent groups or bubbles, and greater scope for physical distancing by staff within classrooms. Face coverings can have a negative impact on learning and teaching and so their use in the classroom should be avoided.'

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Therefore, students should always bring a sealable plastic bag with them to school in which to store their face covering when it is not being worn and they should wear a fresh face covering each day.

Yours Sincerely

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