

Monday 2nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Face masks

I would like to thank all those parents who wore their face masks today whilst dropping their children off at school. Upon return to school today we have had notification of a further 15 pupils who have tested positive for COVID 19 in the school holidays. Only by working together can we keep each other safe.

Can I remind all parents that the use of face coverings is a public health protection measure. There are a number of parents who have queried 'what constitutes a face mask?'. In response to this I have attached a number of websites from the government (please see below). Please note that:

- *Cloth face coverings and disposable face coverings work best if they are made with multiple layers (at least 2) and form a good fit around the face.*
- *Bandanas or religious garments may be used but are likely to be less effective if they do not fit securely around the face.*

<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>
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regulatory-status-of-equipment-being-used-to-help-prevent-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=Gov&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=MHRA_COVID-19_updates&utm_content=HCP7#face-masks-and-face-coverings
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/920648/Guidance-for-businesses-and-individuals-face-coverings-version-4.pdf

As stated in my Headteacher update letter sent out on Friday 29th Oct 2021, the decision to wear facemasks in school playground was dictated by Berkshire Public Health and endorsed by Slough Borough Council. Therefore, refusing to wear a face mask goes against this advice. Abusing staff members at the school gates will not be tolerated. We have a collective responsibility to keep everyone safe.

Kind Regards,

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