

IDSALL SCHOOL

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Parent/carers newsletter

28th September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As the season changes and we are challenged by the weather being unpredictable, our aim to get most students using the outside routes when moving around the school is becoming more difficult. Therefore, from Tuesday 29th September, we will be asking all students to wear a face covering when moving around the school. This includes all areas in the school apart from in classrooms for lessons and the dining area, where seating measures are in place to prevent students sitting opposite each other, with all the seating arranged front-facing in line with the guidance for schools:

[Public health advice to minimise coronavirus \(COVID-19\) risks in schools](#)

We have made this decision for several reasons. The government advises that face coverings are largely intended to protect others, not the wearer, against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of the virus which cause the infection (COVID 19). In addition, the World Health Organisation advise wearing a covering, in particular when we cannot guarantee at least a one metre distance from others, and the change in the weather which has seen the movement around the inside of school get busier. Students have been brilliant keeping to the left, keeping moving to their lessons and the majority wearing a covering already, so this is not a big change for them.

Guidance for the safe use of a face covering is displayed around the school but can also be found at this weblink: [Guidance on face coverings](#)

We are taking this action to support all of us as we enter the winter months and to enable us to keep students moving to specialist rooms for their subjects. All staff, students and visitors will wear their face coverings when moving around the indoor of the school, such as corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain, and they will cross other people they do not usually come into contact with. Face coverings continue to be compulsory on the school transport and must be kept on for the duration of the journey. They will be expected to be put on before entering the building and kept on until entering the classroom for lessons.

There are some students and staff who are exempted from wearing a covering for medical reasons. If your child fits this category, please contact the school so we can arrange for your child to have an exemption card if they don't already have one.

As currently happens with students who lose their face covering, students just need to speak to a member of staff who will support them to get a new one. We also encourage students to bring a small bag to keep their face covering in safely during lessons.

We continue to be totally committed and working hard to keep school open to all students, and the safety of everyone is our number one priority.

We thank you all for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms M King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms M King

Headteacher