



28th August 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians / Students,

Face coverings in school

On Wednesday morning, the government published new [guidance](#) on the use of face coverings in secondary schools. In summary the advice is as follows:

- For schools not subject to local restrictions/lockdowns, the government **is still not recommending** face coverings as necessary in education settings.
- Schools have the discretion to require face coverings for students and staff in communal areas where social distancing cannot be safely managed, if they believe that it is right in their particular circumstances.
- The use of face coverings in the classroom should be avoided because they **can have a negative impact on learning and teaching**.
- If masks are required, students will be expected to provide their own face coverings. Schools will be expected to have a **small contingency supply** available to supplement this.

In light of this new guidance and because of the protective measures we will implement from 3rd September (please see the [risk assessment](#) on the school website), the wearing of face masks will not be compulsory at Dane Court at this time.

We will keep this situation under review. If Government advice changes in this regard, we will update our guidance and inform parents of any change.

Please remember that all students using public transport will be required to wear a face mask in line with current guidance (please ensure that non-disposable masks are washed regularly and speak to your son/daughter about the correct use and storage of masks).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Jones
Head of School

Take off your face covering before you go further

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before and after taking it off
- Don't touch the front of the face covering or the part that's touched your mouth and nose
- If you've got a cloth face covering, put it in a plastic bag to take home with you
- If you've got a single-use face covering, put it in the bin