



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the Government's announcement yesterday evening and an increasing number of positive Covid-19 cases nationally, we are going to be introducing new protocols in regards to face coverings. Although the Government guidance has not changed regarding face coverings in schools, we want to ensure we continue to take all precautions necessary to limit the spread of the virus.

From Monday 28th September we will be asking all students to wear face coverings at the following times:

Entering school

From the moment students enter the school gates in the morning they will be asked to wear a mask. Students will be required to wear their mask until they are inside their tutor room or assembly. Masks can be removed when they are standing behind their chairs, or sit for their assembly.

Lesson transitions

When students stand up behind their chairs at the end of each lesson, students need to be asked to put their face masks on before they leave their class. Students will be asked to wear masks until they reach their next lesson. They will need to wear their mask on entry to their class room and remove it when standing behind their chair.

Break times and lunch times

When students leave lesson 2 (before break) and 4 (before lunch) students will be asked to wear their masks until they get to either their dining hall or their year based outside play area. Students will be asked to wear masks when transitioning from one area to another. Students do not need to wear their masks in either their inside dining area or their year based outside play area as they will only be with others from their year group.

Exiting School

When students stand behind their chairs at the end of their last lesson, they will be asked to put their masks on and leave the school site wearing their mask. Whilst it is then hard to enforce students wearing masks outside school on their way home, we would ask you to encourage this with your children.

At the present time, we are still asking students to remove the face coverings when in lessons and during all learning activities. This however, will be kept under review.

On Friday morning we will be discussing these changes with our students. It would be a great help if you are also able to reinforce the changes with your own children at home. Whilst I do not want to direct any particular colour or style of face mask we would ask that they are as plain as possible.



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Although we are asking all students to wear face coverings, we recognise that we are a fully inclusive school and there may be reasons that your child finds it very difficult to wear one. If this is the case we would ask that you contact Mrs Marshall (SENCo) to discuss this. Her email address is vmarshall@jogschool.org

Whilst I realise this may trigger a range of emotions from people I want to reassure you that we are simply trying to do all we can to limit the spread of the virus. You will know that there are a whole range of procedures in place to ensure we balance both the education and safety of our students. Like all procedures, we will continually review them and keep you well informed of any changes.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Paul Skipp
Headteacher

