



Guide to the use of face masks in school

1 - In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). (DfE guidance to schools)

2 - Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.' (DfE guidance to schools)

3 - Adults moving around the school or school grounds must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This will usually take the form of a visor, but may be a mask or other face covering on occasions. Adults in school are given the option of wearing a mask or visor in their work space, but this is entirely at their own discretion.

The reasons for the wearing of, or exemption from wearing, face coverings are personal and confidential and the individual has the right to privacy.

There are certain exemptions to the wearing of face coverings in wider society and these are also applicable to school staff and visitors.

4 - Parents must wear masks or face coverings whenever you are on school property. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, please clearly display your exemption card.

5 - Where pupils wear masks in order to travel to school, please train your child in how to safely remove the mask at the school gate. This should preferably then be taken home by an adult. Where this is not possible, disposable masks should be safely placed into a sealable bag (provided by the parent) and disposed of appropriately in the black sack at the school gate. Re-useable masks should be stored in a sealed, plastic bag and safely stored until the end of the day. Your child should be trained to not open this bag until they are at the school gate please.

6 - Children are actively discouraged from wearing masks in school, as they can lead to children touching their face more than they usually would. If you require your child to wear a mask, you must contact the school for an individual risk assessment before

your child can wear the mask in school. Please email mrs.hennessy@thegrangeschooldaventry.net and we will ensure that a risk assessment is created for your child. Please do not send your child with a mask until this has been done.