

# H+S Briefing - Face Coverings



# Updated guidance on wearing face coverings in schools



# **What do we have to do?**

From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August everyone in school;

- Pupils, Teachers, Support staff & contractors

are all required to wear a face covering in corridors communal areas and on the bus to/from school.

# The Guidance from Scottish Government

- Face coverings should not be shared with others.
- Before putting on or removing your face covering, hands should be cleaned by washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Make sure the face covering is the right size to cover your nose, mouth and chin.
- You should wear the face covering properly, this includes not touching the front and not pulling it under the chin or into your mouth.
- When temporarily storing a face covering (e.g. during classes), it should be placed in a washable, sealed bag or container.

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- Avoid placing it on surfaces, due to the possibility of contamination.
  - Re-usable face coverings should be washed after each day of use in school at 60 degrees centigrade or in boiling water.
  - Disposable face coverings must be disposed of safely and hygienically.
  - You should place your face coverings in the general waste bin. They are not considered to be clinical waste in the same way that used PPE may be.

# What does that mean in our school?

- Put your face covering on before you come into the building (sanitising stations will be available)
- Always wear your face covering any time you are in the corridors. This means at the end of **each** lesson you will have to put your face covering on- even if you are heading outside.
- You will have to wear your face covering in the toilets as they are communal areas
- The sanitising routine at the end of class will change slightly, and you will sanitise, put on your face covering and then leave

# What does that mean in our school?

- Face coverings should be worn in the canteens, apart from when you are eating or drinking. You will need to pay close attention to hygiene routines here
- ✓ Store your face covering in a plastic/cloth bag, sealed container
- ✓ Sanitise your hands before putting it back on at any time. Remember to put it on before you leave the area



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# **Any questions?**

## **What if I forget my face covering?**

We will have a supply of face coverings and will be able to give you one.

## **Do I have to wear one?**

Yes, there are very few people in the school who fit the criteria for exemption, and we have been in touch with the parents/carers of these pupils. We may not like wearing a face covering but it is something all need to do to keep everyone safe.