



The Learning for Life Partnership

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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Face coverings on school sites

I wanted to write to thank you all for your continued support in all of our schools and your understanding in the measures that we are required to put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

From talking to some of you, I understand the high levels of worry that you are facing sending your children to school, this is fully understandable and all of the school staff are doing everything that they can to make sure that your children are kept as safe as possible, while they are in the school. I would ask you to make sure that you have read the schools risk assessments, which you can find on their websites, these are updated regularly as we receive updated guidance.

As schools are facing positive tests of both children and staff in the local area, including one within our partnership of schools, we need to increase the safety measures that we have put in place in line with government guidance. We know that the biggest risk for spreading COVID-19 is through adults and it is vital that social distancing is observed by all adults, including staff and parents/guardians, when on the school site. Across all of the partnership schools, we are now asking that whoever drops off and picks up the children from school to wear a face covering when on the school grounds. This will be from Monday 21st September. I would like to ask you to support us with this measure as it is to protect your children and the staff. Members of staff will be wearing face coverings when outside during drop off and pick up times. Children are not required to wear face coverings.

Our priority is the safety of the children and staff and keeping the schools as fully open as possible, and this is one of the measures that are putting in place to help us to do this. The guidance from the DFE says that, for parents and guardians, "coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed". We feel that not allowing parents to drop their children off and collect within the school site would cause issues for you and a more reasonable measure is the use of face coverings.

I would ask you to follow this request, members of staff have been asked to remind all visitors to site to wear a face covering, but please remember that this is a measure to help to protect your children and the staff to keep the schools open as fully as possible.

Yours sincerely

Dan Thomas

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