

27 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following recent changes in government guidance, and having reviewed the guidance from the World Health Organisation (WHO), we have taken the decision that from 3rd September 2020 we strongly recommend that students wear a face mask, as they move about our buildings. Once students reach their seat or staff take their place within their marked teacher desk area, then face coverings can be removed. In outdoor areas face coverings can be removed. Students must wear face masks on public transport, including St. Peter's only coaches. At all times staff and students are advised to maintain social distancing.

Guidance suggests that face coverings with ear loops, ties or clips should be used. For any student who prefers to wear a face covering for long periods we ask that you bring sufficient face coverings each day to allow changing where coverings become damp. We also ask that when not worn, face coverings are placed in individual, sealable plastic bags between use.

If students are exempt from wearing a face mask in shops because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, or if you are someone who (or are providing assistance to someone who) relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate, then the same exemptions will apply in school. You may wish to speak with your tutor or Head of Year.

How to wear a face covering:

A face covering should:

- cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- be secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- Ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the WHO recommends three) that covers your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged.

When wearing a face covering you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- avoid wearing on your neck or forehead
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
- avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession.

When removing a face covering:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- do not give it to someone else to use
- if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a residual waste bin and do not recycle
- if reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed.

We appreciate that this is a change for our school community and wanted to provide you and your child with as much notice as possible. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son or daughter back to St. Peter's CofE Academy in September.

Yours faithfully



**Mr M Astley**  
Principal