



## Parent Info: Face Coverings in School

### When will my child need to wear a face covering at school?

Your child will need to wear a face covering at our school:

- Only if Nailsea is identified as being in a local lockdown area. We'll let you know by letter if this does become the case. We'd recommend reading this factsheet and securing a face covering for your child so you're prepared if this does become necessary
- Although students do not NEED to wear a facemask at present, as has always been the case, students can CHOOSE to wear one if this would reassure them returning to school

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### Where exactly can my child wear a face covering in school, if they choose?

- If students CHOOSE to wear a face covering they should only do so when they move through shared indoor areas of the school. They **should not** wear this in their classroom, and **won't** need to wear it outside.
- As per our risk assessment, year groups are divided into year group bubbles, including year group eating areas, and we have changed to only 3 lesson changeovers per day. This means that corridors will only be accessed at the start of the day, at break time, at lunchtime and at the end of the day

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### What will my child need?

If your child CHOOSES to come to school with a face covering (or in the event of a local lockdown), they need to come to school with:

- Ideally a **reusable face covering** so that they can use it more than once, as they'll need to take it on and off several times during the school day. If this isn't an option, they will need to bring in several single-use face coverings each day. Their face covering should be secured to your child's head using ear loops only
- A **sealable plastic bag** to keep their face covering in when they're not using it so that it doesn't contaminate (or get contaminated by) other surfaces in school

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### Where can I get a face covering?

- Reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online
- You can find instructions on how to make a simple face covering here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>.

- Supervise your child if they'll be making it themselves
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#### **How should my child use their face covering?**

- Watch this video from the World Health Organisation with your child so they know how to wear their face covering safely [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN\\_WTk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk)
  - Their face covering needs to cover their nose and mouth when they're wearing it
  - They shouldn't touch the front of the face covering or the part that's touched their mouth or nose
  - They should wash their hands before and after touching the face covering, including to take it off or put it on. They should store it in an individual, sealable plastic bag between uses
  - If it becomes damp, they shouldn't wear it, and they should replace it carefully
  - Single-use face coverings should be disposed of after use (not in a recycling bin)
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#### **How often will it need to be washed?**

- Reusable face coverings will need to be washed at the end of each day, ready for your child to wear the next day
- You can wash and dry reusable face coverings with normal laundry – follow the washing instructions for the fabric and use normal detergent