

# PROTOCOL FOR THE USE OF FACE MASKS



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CE HIGH SCHOOL

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The school will continue to monitor the relevant official guidance on this matter and will keep you updated when any changes to this protocol are made.

In circulation spaces and public areas where it is more difficult to maintain social distancing, the use of face masks is recommended for staff, students and visitors. We hope that our whole school community will support us in this action.

We have provided, as far as is reasonably possible, the ability for staff to socially distance in each classroom, therefore we would request that face masks are not worn in a classroom setting unless specific risk assessments are required (for both staff or students) or a specific change in circumstances results in a request to wear a face mask being made.

It is the responsibility of the member of staff and student to bring a face mask/s onto site should they wish to make use of them outside of the classroom.

Only washable or disposable face masks will be allowed. We would recommend that washable reusable face masks are used and ideally, they should be plain in colour.

The school will maintain a stock of face visors, face masks and relevant PPE in school for use where these are required for staff; the school will provide details on this in relation to their setting. The school expects all its behaviour protocols to be followed by all students.

## **Wearing and disposal of a face mask**

Always avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth and store used re-useable face masks in a plastic bag until you have an opportunity to wash them. Avoid touching the face mask, or the part of the face mask that has been in contact with your mouth and nose.

Used face masks should be kept in a separate sealable bag so this does not risk cross contamination with your clean mask until they can be cleaned. Where possible, use hand sanitiser or wash your hands before and after using your face mask.

## **Operation on Site**

Any student or staff member who has further questions should make their form tutor or line manager aware and we will look to provide further support and advice.

The school will provide poster information at the entrance and exit of all buildings advising all staff, students and visitors in relation to good practice in the use of hand cleaning and wearing of face masks.

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