

# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Face Coverings and clothing

I am writing to update you on the latest measures we are adopting in the light of this week's National Lockdown on Thursday 5 November 2020.

Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Children First are now supporting face coverings in communal areas in all secondary schools, as per the previous national tier 2 advice. I am also pleased that the wearing of face coverings in classrooms is also being discussed and may well be recommended soon. This is especially true, given decisions made in other parts of the UK, such as Scotland, where, in certain tiers, children in Year 10 and above are wearing face coverings in classrooms.

**So, from Thursday 5 November 2020, all children at TDMS must wear a face covering in communal areas.**

It is vital that our children know exactly how to wear a face covering effectively as this was one of Public Health Worcestershire's main concerns and was a principal reason for their not initially recommending the wearing of face coverings by children. With this in mind, we have spoken to our children about how important it is to wear face coverings following the advice available.

Please can you also watch the World Health Organisation video with your children to help us reinforce this message: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN\\_WTk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk)

Please ensure your child has:

- A **re-sealable sandwich bag/Ziploc bag** to keep their face covering in when it is not being worn
- Their **own hand sanitiser** to use both before putting on and after removing their face covering
- **Sufficient face coverings** for your child to have a clean one each day. Please note Public Health England stress that face coverings must be washed daily. In effect, your child needs a minimum of two face coverings, so they can be worn on alternate days, with one washed each night

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**To help us communicate effectively, here are the instructions we will be giving your child, to ensure we maximise the effectiveness of the face covering by ensuring they are being worn correctly**

**At the beginning of each lesson, when you are lining up to be collected and escorted to class:**

1. Sanitise your hands using **your own sanitiser**
2. Take out your Ziploc bag and remove your face covering from the Ziploc bag only touching the straps, and put it on
3. Go to the classroom, escorted by the member of staff
4. On arrival at your classroom, sanitise your hands using the sanitiser at the entry point
5. Sit down at your seat
6. Remove your face covering by the straps and place it in the Ziploc bag and zip this up
7. Sanitise your hands using **your own sanitiser**

**At the end of the lesson:**

1. Remain seated
2. Sanitise your hands using **your own sanitiser**
3. Remove the Ziploc bag and take out your face covering by the straps and put it on
4. Leave the classroom
5. On leaving the building, remove your face covering and place it in your Ziploc bag
6. Sanitise your hands using **your own sanitiser**

**At the beginning of the day:**

Go straight to your tutor room. There is no mingling in any indoor communal areas, so there is no need for you to wear your face covering.

**TDMS - Face covering policy in lessons:**

**Please remember that you have the choice for your child to wear their face covering in the classroom during lessons. A number of children are already wearing their face coverings in lessons and this is perfectly acceptable.**

**Clothing**

As temperatures are set to fall this week, we again strongly recommend that your child wears **multiple layers in addition to their uniform.**

We also recommend the wearing of **fingerless gloves** in the classroom.

Thank you very much for your continued support during this very challenging time. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you fully informed regarding any further changes.

Yours sincerely,



Guy Nichols