

The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your tremendous support, throughout what has been a very challenging term for everyone.

Whilst we are delighted that none of our children have received a positive test throughout this term, we are aware of the increasing risks to public health from Covid 19. As a result, we have taken the decision to ask **all children at The De Montfort School to wear a face covering when they are indoors** in the school from Monday 2 November 2020.

Please ensure that your child has enough face coverings to enable them to change these during the week, so they can be washed effectively. We will remind them of the safe procedure for the removal/putting on of a face covering so they will also need a small hand sanitiser and a bag to put the mask in, should they wish to remove it outside. Please see <https://youtu.be/ciUniZGD4tY> and ensure your child is fully familiar with the procedures.

Although this decision is more extreme than the current measures specified for our region under government guidance, we believe that we have to act in the interests of safety for everyone in the school.

If your child has one of the recognised medical conditions where they have an entitlement not to wear, please confirm this to us, in writing, via the office email account office@tdms.worcs.sch.uk.

We will also be asking all staff to wear face coverings indoors, but staff will have the discretion as to wear or not wear a face covering in the classroom. Please rest assured that staff will continue to retain social distancing at the front of each room, so if they are not wearing a face coverings as this makes it difficult to teach, they will be at the specified social distance. Every class has the zone indicated.

Each classroom will continue to have the maximum possible ventilation. With that in mind, thank you for your support with the "uniform plus" expectation that we have in place. We currently only heat the rooms before school

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and then have the windows open as per the guidelines. This does mean, of course, that the rooms do get progressively colder during each day, so it is essential that your child has enough layers. Finally, because we have been told that outdoors is much safer than indoors, we will be insisting on the children going outside as much as is humanly possible as break and lunchtimes even if it is a little wet. Please, therefore, do ensure they have appropriate clothing with hoods.

We will continue to check our testresults@tdms.worcs.sch.uk throughout the holiday, including weekends, in case you have alerted us to a positive confirmed case.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support. I do hope that you have a safe and enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Nichols". The letter "G" is stylized and cursive, followed by the name "Nichols" in a similar cursive script.

Guy Nichols