



Policy on Face Coverings

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At Denver V. C. Primary School, face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

Children do not need to wear a face covering.

The use of face coverings:

- Should not replace the measures outlined in the compliance code which reduce the risk of virus transmission.
- Must be managed in a hygienic way to reduce the risk of contamination and transmission. Where homemade non-disposable face coverings are used the wearer must store these, folded in on themselves in a plastic bag when not in use. Anyone wearing a face covering must be able to put it on and take it off safely themselves.

Face visors or shields should not be worn as an alternative to face coverings. They may protect against droplet spread in specific circumstances but are unlikely to be effective in reducing aerosol transmission when used without an additional face covering.

The following provides information on how to put on and take off a face covering safely:

1. wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on, and after removing it
2. make sure it covers your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
3. when wearing a face covering, avoid touching your face or face covering, as you could transfer the virus to or from it
4. avoid wearing it around your neck or on your forehead between use
5. when you take your face covering off, be careful not to touch the front or inside of it, fold it in on itself and store safely in a bag between wears or before washing
6. change your face covering if it becomes damp, damaged or if you've touched it (as face coverings are used for longer in some settings consideration should be given to instructing students and staff to bring more than one covering to setting so they can change regularly)
7. change and wash reusable face coverings daily in line with manufacturer's instructions (more than one covering may be needed as above)
8. if it's not washable, dispose of it carefully in your usual waste
9. do not share your face covering with someone else

The school has a stock of disposable face coverings available for anyone who may have forgotten their own or need to replace it during the day.

For some people, it may not be appropriate for to wear a face covering, for example where it would cause distress or exacerbate a health condition or where they rely on lip reading, facial expressions and clear sound to communicate. Visors can be used in this situation.

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