

Face Coverings in School

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Introduction

Here is what to expect now that our school is introducing face coverings in shared areas for secondary students and staff.

When Will I Need to Wear a Face Covering at School?

You will need to wear a face covering in school as London has moved into the 'High' tier of risk for COVID-19 transmission.

We would recommend reading this factsheet.

Where Exactly Will I Need to Wear it in School?

You will need to wear it when you move through shared indoor areas of the school where it is difficult to stick to social distancing. This includes corridors and communal areas including the toilets as well as break and lunch queues.

It will also need to be worn in shared outdoor areas where social distancing cannot be preserved. This will include at break and lunchtime where groups of students may be standing close together and it will include when queuing at the start of the school day.

Wearing a face covering remains a matter of personal choice in classrooms.

What Will I Need?

Everyone will need to come to school with:

- A face covering. We would recommend wearing a reusable one so that you can use it more than once, as you'll need to take it on and off several times during the school day. You should have two reusable masks so that you can wash one on a daily basis.
- If this is not an option, you will need to bring in several single-use face coverings each day.
- A sealable plastic bag to keep your face covering in when you are not using it, so that it does not contaminate (or get contaminated by) other surfaces in school.

Where Can I Get a Face Covering?

Reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online. We will have a small number of face coverings in the school shop for purchase should you forget to bring your own.

We have attached instructions from the government on how to make a cloth face covering. The government provides a link [here](#).

How Do We Need to Use Them?

The face covering needs to cover your nose and mouth when you are wearing it.

You should not touch the front of the face covering or the part that has touched your mouth or nose.

You should wash your hands (or use sanitiser) before and after touching the face covering, including to take it off or put it on. Store it in an individual, sealable plastic bag between uses.

If it becomes damp, you should not wear it, and you should replace it carefully.

You must throw it away in a bin (not a recycling bin) if it becomes damaged or is a single-use covering.

If it is a reusable mask, you will need to wash it at the end of the day before use the next day. Follow the washing instructions for the fabric. You can use your normal detergent, and you can wash and dry it with other laundry.

How Can We Keep Students Safe?

Make sure you dispose of damaged or single-use masks in a normal bin (not the recycling bin).

Watch [this video](#) from the World Health Organisation with students so they know how to wear their face coverings safely.

What if I or a Student are Exempt from Wearing a Face Covering?

You or they [will not need to wear one](#) in school.

Parents/carers have been asked to request an exemption by contacting us at school@isleworthsyon.org.

What if a Student Forgets their Face Covering?

We will have a small supply of spares available at school.

Please remind your child each day to have their face covering ready for the next school day.