

Face coverings

As Manchester is defined as an area of national government intervention, the government's guidance states face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils in secondary schools when moving around the school. This includes corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. It will not be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and where they can inhibit learning.

Where exactly will I need to wear my face covering in school?

- You'll need to wear it when you move through the corridors of school and when queuing inside the canteens at lunch and break time
 - You **won't** need to wear it outside or in classrooms
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What will I need?

All students will need to come to school with:

- A **face covering**. We'd recommend a plain 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. If this isn't an option, you'll need to bring in several single-use face coverings each day
 - A **sealable plastic bag** to keep your face covering in when you're not using it, so that it doesn't contaminate (or get contaminated by) other surfaces in school
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Where can I get a face covering?

- Plain reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online
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How do we need to use them?

- The face covering needs to cover your nose and mouth when you're wearing it
 - You shouldn't touch the front of the face covering or the part that's touched your mouth or nose
 - You should wash your hands 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 shouldn't 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 single-use
 - If it's a reusable mask, you'll 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
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What if I or a pupil are exempt from wearing a face covering?

- You or they [won't need to wear one](#) in school
 - Please contact your Senior Tutor if you are exempt
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What if a pupil forgets their face covering?

- We'll have a small supply of spares available at school