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Dear Parents,

Following on from Government guidance, released on the 28th August, pupils, staff and visitors can wear face coverings in areas outside the classroom, such as corridors and communal areas. At St Peter's this is optional.

- Pupils in year 7 and above **should wear face coverings on school-specific buses, minibuses and taxis as part of home-school transport arrangements.**
- Considering current evidence, mitigating measures education settings are taking and the negative impact on communication, **face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom** even where social distancing is not possible due to the consistent nature of class groupings. Face coverings can have a negative impact on learning and teaching and so their use in the classroom **should be avoided.**

Pupils and staff members need to ensure that the covering is a tight fit and safely covers their nose and mouth. To prevent inadvertent spread of COVID-19, pupils and staff should ensure that they:

- remove face coverings with care - only touching the straps, ties or clips **rather than the front of the covering**
- **store the covering safely in a sealable plastic bag in their school bag during lessons and other times they are not being worn**
- avoid touching the face covering whilst they are wearing it
- avoid using a damp covering
- **do not** give it to someone else to use
- dispose of it carefully, if single-use, in a residual waste bin and do not recycle
- wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions if reusable, at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric, changing daily (having one to wash, one to wear and one dry may be best)
- wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting them on and once removed.

Advice on the [safe use of face coverings](#) is available following this link.

Following the letter last week, please be reminded to send your child in with a snack for breaktime, a packed lunch and a filled water bottle.



Ahead of school reopening, please revisit the letter sent on Tuesday 25th August and the Risk Assessment, both of which can be found [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back this week.

Yours faithfully,

Maire E Murphy

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Headteacher