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New National Guidance on the Use of Face Coverings

Following an announcement by the Deputy First Minister on Tuesday 25 August 2020, the guidance for school staff and pupils across Scotland regarding the use of face coverings is changing.

The new guidance will take effect from Monday 31 August. It states that face coverings should be also be worn by staff and pupils when:

- adults and young people in secondary schools (including special schools) are moving about the school in corridors and confined communal areas (including toilets), where physical distancing is particularly difficult to maintain;
- adults, young people and children aged 5 and over are travelling on dedicated school transport.

For Braeview Academy, this means that staff and pupils must ensure that they wear their face covering on entering the school building, at period changeovers while in the corridors and on the portakabin pathways, ramps and cabin foyer areas, toilets, school offices and our large indoor wet weather pupil supervision areas.

Staff and pupils must take personal responsibility to ensure that they follow this routine.

Once seated at their workstation or desk in the classroom or lab, pupils should remove their face covering carefully and place it in their storage bag and then place the storage bag into their school bag.

At the end of each lesson, once they have sanitised their workstation and hands, pupils should then carefully remove their mask from their bag and plastic storage bag and put their face covering on, in preparation for leaving the class to move to their next class.

It is understood that some staff and children and young people who cannot wear a face covering for good reasons and that position will be respected.

Staff and pupils should ensure they:

- bring their own face coverings to school;
- store these safely in a washable, sealable bag or container when not in use;
- wash reusable face coverings in hot water at the end of each day; and
- safely and hygienically dispose of disposable face coverings after use.

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Please remember that a face covering can be as simple as a scarf, snood or other piece of cloth which covers the nose and mouth.

We have arranged for a limited supply of face coverings and storage bags to be available in school, free of charge. If you think you may have difficulty in sourcing a face covering or if you feel that your child or young person should be exempt, please contact the school directly and speak to your child's Guidance teacher.

If a pupil forgets to bring in their mask and bag, they should ask their register teacher to provide both mask and bag, to use that day.

Further information on face coverings is available from the Scottish Government website: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-preparing-start-new-school-term-august-2020-version-2/>

Full face covering guidance is available via this link: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/pages/face-coverings/>

Please check the Braeview Academy website and Twitter feed tomorrow, for more detailed information on what is expected of staff and pupils and also a demonstration on how to wear a mask safely.

All pupils will receive detailed information about the need to wear face covering around the school and what to do if they feel that wearing a mask would be detrimental to their health, during lessons tomorrow (Friday).

Let's keep working together to keep everyone safe.

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