

Face coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

DFE Guidance

According to the DFE guidance, currently, wearing a face covering or face mask in schools is not necessary and therefore staff and pupils are not required to wear them. [DFE guidance - Implementing protective measures in education](#)

Noadswood provision of face coverings

We are making face shields available to staff and pupils who would nonetheless wish to wear a face covering. Each person will be offered a face shield and they have the choice to accept it and wear it. They should be cleaned daily by the wearer or parent with a normal household cleaner and cloth.

The face shields issued are re-usable by each individual wearer and are the face coverings we would like to encourage for pupils in school for those who wish to wear it at this time and pending any revised medical or health and safety guidance. *

Replacement face shields for pupils are available to purchase directly from New Forest Signs for £6.80.

Face covering should cover your mouth and nose while allowing you to breathe comfortably. It is important to wash your hands before putting them on and after taking it off.

PPE for personal care and first aid

The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases including:

- pupils whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way
- if a pupil becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) while in school and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the pupil is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn

Instructions for donning full PPE:

- 1. Wash your hands
- 2. Put on PPE (in any order)
- 3. Do not touch your face whilst wearing PPE
- 4. Remove all PPE and place in a bin, remove gloves last

- 5. Wash your hands again

Public transport and contracted home to school transport

Passengers travelling on public transport should wear a face covering

Contracted home to school transport:

1. Both drivers and escorts should wear face coverings.
2. Secondary age children and their parents may wish to use a face covering, there is published advice that applies to using public transport that they can use if they wish to, <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

*Face coverings (or any form of medical mask unless instructed to be used for specific clinical reasons) should not be worn by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, those with special educational needs) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.

This guidance will be regularly reviewed in line with guidance from Public Health England and the DfE.