



## ENGAINES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear parent/carer.

As a school we are following DFE guidance for the use of face coverings. We have a robust risk assessment, which ensures that we have a system of controls, which provide additional mitigating measures to minimise the spread of the virus. Guidance is very clear that where these measures are in place in Primary Schools, masks do not need to be worn.

We kindly request that children do not bring masks onto the school site. This is due to the fact that in order to minimise the spread of the virus masks must be worn correctly or can result in inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission. The DFE guidance clearly states that;

*“Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use...”* (DFE, The wearing of face covering in education, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020).

Therefore, if a child should bring a mask into school it will be removed and stored safely and returned to the parent at the end of the day.

We would also like to request that all adults and young people over the age of 12 use a face mask whilst on the school grounds. We are aware that social distancing can be more difficult in these high traffic areas.

Please note that we will not tolerate verbal abuse to members of staff on this or any other matter.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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