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**Important email about face coverings (sent 26/8)**

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To: Neil Hassell &lt;n.hassell@hemelschool.com&gt;

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we expected there might be, the government has changed their guidance on the wearing of face coverings in school.

In September, all our pupils and staff will need to wear face coverings: in corridors, whilst using the one way system, entering and exiting school, in communal indoor areas and in the toilets.

They do not need to be worn in classrooms, where all the seats are facing forward, but should parents wish for their children to wear them in classrooms we will not challenge this.

Face coverings should be preferably cloth-type and reusable. Instructions on how to make them can be found here.

Students will need two or three to allow for daily washing and will need a plastic bag, like a ziplock sandwich bag to keep them in.

Students can wear disposable paper coverings, but we would discourage these for three reasons: they deplete supply for health care professionals, they will cost parents a lot of money and they are an environment hazard.

Face coverings are to be worn as a safety measure, not a fashion statement as part of smart school uniform. As such we will not allow bandanas, scarfs, hoodies, snoods, balaclavas etc - only proper face coverings.

Kind regards,

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