



John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Face Coverings while on School Site

From this Thursday, to coincide with the second national lockdown, we are asking that parents and carers wear face coverings when they pick up, or drop off their children at school.

This is as an added preventative measure to help stop the spread of Covid-19 at a time when cases are rising nationally and locally. We feel that this additional measure should help lower the risks for our community, where social distancing is difficult at the school gates and on the playground.

By working in partnership, we can continue to look out for one another and help to keep our school open for all year group bubbles. We feel it is vital that the children are in school, that schools are supported to ensure they remain a safe environment for all and that we all play a part in preventing the spread of the infection in the wider community.

Whilst locally and nationally, primary schools are not a hotbed of infection, you will have seen from government data that the reopening of schools has impacted on the R rate. Therefore, we must all play our part in helping to bring the rate of infection down and in doing so protect the more vulnerable members of our community.

The government does not recommend the universal use of face coverings for primary aged pupils at school, however in areas where lockdown restrictions are in place, they should be worn by staff and visitors where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

Some of our parent body will be exempt from wearing a face covering, because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability. You also do not have to wear a mask if you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip-reading to communicate. People in England can download cards and badges to print or show on a mobile phone to show they are exempt. Face covering exemption cards are a personal choice, and are not required by law. Many people choose to carry the cards or wear the lanyards as it can lead to less confusion and confrontation from others. We understand that some of you may fall into this category.

We continue to be incredibly thankful for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,
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