



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, the school has made complex arrangements to ensure that pupils and staff are as safe as possible upon their return to school. As an additional aspect to our plans we fully support and strongly encourage the wearing of face masks in communal areas in and around school buildings if and when pupils move outside of their learning zones. Whilst the government does not consider this to be strictly necessary, except in areas of local Covid related restrictions, it is our view that it is a sensible precaution to take.

Our policy will be to educate pupils as to why it is important to wear face masks as opposed to strictly enforcing compliance. This will be alongside other key hygiene measures such as the frequent washing of hands. We consider that building confidence and understanding is the correct approach in the first instance. Pupils will be regularly reminded to put on their face masks when outside of classrooms, we will routinely monitor this and if necessary adapt our approach accordingly.

We would prefer pupils and staff to refrain from the use of disposable face masks and instead carry with them each day a clean reusable mask which should be taken home at the end of the day. Our preference is that reusable face masks are plain in design and do not contain any motifs or emblems which would be unsuited to a school setting.

There may be some of our SEND pupils who will require additional help dealing with the practical issues of wearing face masks in school or pupils who are exempt from wearing face coverings due to medical conditions. If you feel that there are specific circumstances relating to your child that you wish us to take into account please contact the school at the earliest opportunity via reception or tw_s_admin@swale.at.

We are looking forward to seeing our pupils return to school over the next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs AM Gibson
Headteacher



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