

Following a few telephone calls today we would like to clarify the following:



The following pupils are expected to return on:

- Wednesday 2nd September 2020: 8.40am - Year 7
 8.50am - Year 11
- Thursday 3rd September 2020: 8.40am Years 7 / 8 and 9
 8.50am Years 10 and 11
- All pupils are to attend school dressed in **FULL** school uniform

Face Coverings at Thornhill Academy



At Thornhill Academy, we are following guidance from the Department for Education and Consilium Academies. After consultation with other secondary schools in Sunderland, the Headteacher, Senior Leaders and Governors at Thornhill Academy we have agreed on the following practices.

1. Face coverings must be worn in communal areas, such as corridors, the hall and the lunch queue, unless medically exempt
 2. Face coverings are not necessary outside the school building
 3. Face coverings will not be worn in classrooms
 4. Face coverings must be worn on public transport, unless medically exempt
- Children and adults with particular vulnerabilities and/or anxieties will be permitted to wear face coverings at any time if they wish.

Advice and guidance for using face coverings at Thornhill Academy



- All pupils will be issued with a face covering on their first day of attendance this term.
- Face coverings must be changed regularly, to keep them hygienic
- We encourage the use of washable, reusable, cloth face coverings.
- Any sensible design of face coverings is allowed; face coverings must not display offensive images or messages
- Disposal face coverings are not encouraged, because of their impact on the environment. If they are used, they must be replaced at least every day
- They must be disposed of in a rubbish bin, and not re-used
- Face coverings must be kept in a hygienic place when not in use – for example, a sealable plastic bag. For hygiene reasons, they should not be put in pockets or kept loose in school bags.
- Included in this message is guidance from the World Health Organisation about how to wear and use face coverings
- Members of staff may wear a clear full-face visor, as well as or instead of a face covering
- Those who are medically exempt from wearing face coverings – please contact school

HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL FABRIC MASK SAFELY

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Do's →

- Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides
- Cover your mouth, nose, and chin
- Avoid touching the mask
- Clean your hands before touching the mask
- Clean your hands before removing the mask
- Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head
- Pull the mask away from your face
- Store the mask in a clean plastic, resealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it
- Remove the mask by the straps when taking it out of the bag
- Wash the mask in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water, at least once a day
- Clean your hands after removing the mask

Don'ts →

- Do not wear the mask under the nose
- Do not remove the mask where there are people within 1 metre
- Do not use a mask that is difficult to breathe through
- Do not use a mask that looks damaged
- Do not wear a loose mask
- Do not share your mask with others

A fabric mask can protect others around you. To protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to keep at least 1 metre distance from others, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face and mask.

