



# The Grange Academy

*Wade Deacon Trust*



## Protocol for the use of facemasks – Secondary Students

- The school will continue to monitor the relevant official guidance on this matter and will keep you updated if any changes are made to the protocol.
- In circulation spaces and public areas where it is difficult to maintain social distancing the use of facemasks is recommended for those staff, students and visitors. We hope that our school community will support us in this action.
- We have provided, as far as is reasonable practical, the ability for staff to socially distance in each classroom, and therefore would request that facemasks are not worn in classroom settings unless specific risk assessments (for staff and students) or another change in circumstances results in a request to wear masks being made.
- It is the responsibility of the staff and student to bring a face mask/s onto site should they wish to make use of them in approved locations. A sealable plastic bag should also be used to store a reusable face mask.
- Only facemasks washable or disposable which are plain in appearance, no logos or motifs will be allowed and must be worn appropriately and sensibly.
- The school will maintain a stock of face visors, masks and relevant PPE in school for use where these are required for staff. The school always expects all its behaviour protocols to be followed by all students.

### **Wearing and disposal of a facemask**

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth always and store used re-useable face coverings in a plastic bag until you have an opportunity to wash them. Avoid touching the facemask, or the part of the face covering that has been in contact with your mouth and nose.

Used facemasks must be kept in a separate sealable bag so this does not risk cross contamination with your clean mask and disposed of appropriately.

Where possible to continue to use hand sanitiser or wash your hands before and after using your mask.

### **Operation on Site**

Any student or staff member who does not currently require a risk assessment in relation to return to school but remains anxious in relation to facemasks should make their form tutor or line manager aware and we will seek to advise.

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The school will provide poster information at the entrance and exit of all buildings advising all staff and visitors to clean their hands before putting on and after removing their mask using the hand sanitiser provided at the entrance/ exit of the building.

Students will be made aware of this protocol and changes to behaviour policy and these will be updated on school websites.

## **Government Guidance link below**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>