

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



FACE COVERINGS/ MASK PROTOCOL

Based on Welsh Government guidance, risk assessments conducted and recommended control measures in place, it is advised that children should not wear face coverings in school. In order to minimise the risk of transmission, where face coverings are worn during travel to/ from school the following guidance must be adhered to.

CHILDREN TRAVELLING ON SCHOOL TRANSPORT



The wearing of face coverings is **only required** on school transport in Wrexham for children **over 11 years**. Therefore, it is not expected that primary aged children need to wear a mask whilst travelling on a school bus or in a taxi.

Where parents choose for their child to wear a face covering/ face mask, **the following guidance will need to be followed to ensure that masks are handled, worn and stored appropriately.**

Please see below:-

- Wash/ sanitise hands before putting mask on (please provide own sanitiser in child's bag)
- Child should not touch/ handle mask whilst wearing it, where possible
- Wash/ sanitise hands before removing mask
- Place mask in a small, clean plastic bag and put it in school bag where it will be stored until needed for return journey
- Repeat process before getting on bus

WEARING MASKS ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL/ WAY HOME



Where parents **choose** for their child to wear a face covering/ mask on the way to school or on the way home, **parents should follow the guidance below to ensure that masks are handled, worn and stored appropriately.**

Please see below:-

- Wash/ sanitise hands before putting mask on
- Child should not touch/ handle mask whilst wearing it, where possible
- Wash/ sanitise hands before removing mask and place in a small, clean plastic bag
- Parents should take the child's mask home and bring it back at the end of the day if wanting to wear on way home from school (Repeat process with parent)