

27th August 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

September 2020 - Face coverings in school

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school this term. We are excited to be moving back to seeing our students in person and have worked extremely hard to put measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Our aim is to do everything we can so we can continue to provide in-person education throughout the 2020/21 academic year.

You will already have seen the information we have provided about the changes we have made. These include:

- Zoned areas for year group bubbles
- Reorganisation of classrooms with front-facing seating
- Staggered start / finish times
- Staggered lunch breaks and break times
- Additional cleaning of frequently touched surfaces
- Additional handwashing/ hand sanitiser stations

We have continued to review the government guidance over the summer, including the most recent information on face coverings in schools.

As part of our plans to keep children and staff as safe as possible, we will **require** the use of face coverings in corridors and communal areas by staff, students and visitors at Delta secondary schools.

To support you, the school will provide your child with three reusable face coverings. Where possible, these will be provided to your child by the end of week commencing 31/08/20. Subject to availability, we will provide different colours to different year groups, in order to support our zoned bubble approach and the organisation of break and lunchtimes.

Until your child receives these face coverings from us, please ensure your child comes to school with a face covering provided by you. This will need to be appropriate for school and consistent with our uniform expectations.

The government has provided details of exemptions to the requirement to wear face coverings. More information can be found via this link [face-coverings-in-education](#). Please let us know if your child will not be able to wear a face covering for one of these reasons by using SchoolComms or emailing info@dewarenne.org.uk.

We will keep this policy under review as the autumn term progresses.

Our aim, as always, is provide an outstanding education for your child. We understand the anxieties of children who have not been able to attend school for several months and those of their parents. Staff have been working hard to develop a wide range of activities, including additional tuition, to support your children in making up this lost time in school. We recognise that, like us, you will be eager to see your child benefit from these plans and would like to thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs A Rooney

Principal, De Warenne Academy

OFFICIAL GUIDANCE – COVID-19

Government information for parents and carers is provided here [Parent carer guidance](#) .

Please continue to follow this advice if your child or a member of your household are showing Covid 19 symptoms. In particular:

- Do not send your child to school if:
 - they are showing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
 - someone in their household is showing symptoms
- [Arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform us of the results.
- If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

This will help us to minimise any interruption to teaching and learning in school and help us to provide appropriate remote support for any children with symptoms.