



# Oaklands Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following my earlier email regarding face coverings, I feel I need to clarify certain points.

This is purely a precautionary measure to make drop off and pick up times as safe as possible for our families and for my staff. The Government guidance has not changed to make this mandatory, but following some concerns raised by a number of parents and the drastic rise in numbers of cases yesterday to over 6,000, I felt obligated to act.

I am not, however, dictating to anyone or making this mandatory. If you feel you do not want to wear a face covering, then please do not feel obliged to do so. This is still a personal choice. But, I do need to put this additional protective measure in place to further enhance the safety of all.

The numbers of cases in our area is very low at the moment, but I do feel with the changes happening around the country, we need to act now to prevent the same happening here and do all we can to keep everyone safe.

My staff and I all thank you all for your continued support. At the moment, they will only be wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up, but if they feel they need the added safety of wearing them during the school day at any time in the future, then they are able to do this.

We would also be grateful if you could help us by keeping behind the yellow lines and not enter the yellow boxes outside of the classrooms and please do not enter the classrooms themselves. If you need to get a message to a member of staff, please email the office and they will forward this to the teacher concerned.

Please also adhere to the social distancing rules on site and on Ellis Road. Be prompt, but not early for your drop off and pick up times and keep your children with you as you enter and leave the site.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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