

Media Release

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Updated guidance on expectations for the wearing of face coverings in education settings

Parents, carers and visitors to education settings are being asked to wear face coverings whenever they are on school grounds.

This includes pick-up and drop-off, and when attending any events hosted by education settings.

The CCA's open letter is being shared with parents and carers direct through education settings today, along with a couple of key messages relevant to education:

- from now on it is expected that all visitors to school premises will wear a face covering. This includes parents evenings and school events. For those unable to wear a face covering, lanyards and exemption cards are available. More information is available at [Face Coverings | States of Guernsey - COVID-19 \(gov.gg\)](#).
- **For Secondary and Post-16 settings only;** we are also looking for your support as parents and carers in making sure that secondary school and post-16 students wear face coverings in communal areas, for example when moving between lessons. Students will also need to continue to wear them on school transport.

These measures remain strongly recommended but parents and carers are being asked to take a proactive approach to the wearing of face coverings where appropriate in support of their child's school.

It continues to be the case that it is not expected that face coverings will be worn in classrooms or learning areas where there will be additional mitigation in place.

In primary schools and Early Years settings, it continues to be strongly recommended that **adults** wear face coverings in situations indoors where physical distancing between adults is not possible. If a child of primary school age wants to wear a face covering and can tolerate wearing one, then they are of course free to do so, but the strong recommendation is for adults only.