



# HALLING

## Primary School

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Dear Parents

### FACE COVERINGS

As expected, the Government has produced more guidelines, this time around social distancing. During his speech yesterday and in following correspondence, the Prime Minister has reduced the number of people who can gather back down to six. He also went on to explain that this 'Rule of Six' should be backed up with the 'Hands, Face, Space' message.

This morning I held a meeting with the Senior Leaders of the school to discuss this and how we as a school should apply this guidance. Although the guidance talks about social situations it worries us that the amount of human traffic on site is high and space can be tight – all of which is not anybody's fault nor can be helped.

Therefore, after a lengthy discussion, we have decided that in order to apply the guidance as best we can, from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** we will be asking adults to wear a face mask whilst on the school site. This does not apply to the staff (as is the case in many shops and restaurants) for many reasons, one of which is that it is important the children see a friendly, welcoming face when they come to school.

I completely understand that this may not be a popular decision and some people will not be able to wear a mask for various reasons. The reason for the decision is simple: to keep as many people as safe as possible and to make sure that we can stay open.

We would greatly appreciate your support with this difficult decision as it really is in the best interests of our school community to act responsibly and keep everyone as safe as possible through these very challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Selmi  
Head Teacher