

Face Coverings

As of Friday 23rd October, Slough has moved to a High COVID Alert Level, the Academy will now follow the guidance provided by the DfE concerning face coverings.

Face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Students will be asked to remove face coverings when in lessons.

Exemptions

Some individuals are exempt from wearing [face coverings](#). This applies to those who:

- cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability
- speak to or provide assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate

Please notify the Academy office if you feel your son/daughter should be exempt from wearing a face covering based on the criteria above.

Access to face coverings

All students should bring their own face covering. These are widely available online and in many local retail providers. The link below provides a clear guide how a suitable face covering can be made from home. A limited number of face coverings will be held at the Academy for emergencies, these will be distributed to students at a cost of 50p each and payment will be taken via ParentPay.

[make a simple face covering](#).

Safe wearing and removal of face coverings

Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Students should not touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it.

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