

Face Coverings at Balfron High School



FORM TIME ALL PUPILS
MONDAY 31 AUGUST



Understanding the risk How COVID-19 spreads



We have changed the way we operate at Balfron High to minimise the risks the we face.
We must all take responsibility for ourselves and others in the Balfron High Community.

1. **Do not assume that you are not at risk.**
2. **Do not assume that you cannot pass the virus to others.**

Here is why....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9FGrmYUr5c>

Scottish Government Guidelines - update



“In light of the latest scientific and public health advice, including World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines, face coverings should now (unless exemptions apply) be worn:

- ▶ in secondary schools, **by adults and all pupils moving around the school**, such as in corridors and communal areas where physical distancing is difficult to maintain
- ▶ on dedicated school transport by all children aged five and over, bringing it into line with guidance for public transport”

What this means for Balfron Pupils



You and staff should be wearing a face covering in school:

- ↓ **from arrival** on campus to settling into your first class,
- ↓ **before you leave the classroom** or move around the school,
- ↓ at **all times in the corridors**
- ↓ in the **atrium, theatre, toilet** and any other **communal areas**
- ↓ when you are chatting in a group, **not physically distanced.**

Wearing a mask appropriately



It is important that your face covering is fit for purpose – for you and those around you.

It is your **responsibility** to ensure that you follow these guidelines:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMSqc9SpbJc>

We recommend you bring your face covering in a plastic bag and sanitiser.
Sanitiser is available throughout the school. You can dispose of the covering in that after use.

Do NOT share your face covering under any circumstances.



Exemptions



Only a young person or member of staff with a specific **health or ASN issue** is exempt from wearing a mask.

If you think you might fall into that category, agreement for the exemption has to be sought through the DHT, or pastoral team, for your house.

Intervals and lunchtimes

You may eat at the tables in the atrium without your face covering.

Once you have eaten, put your mask back on.

If people are waiting for a table to eat and you have finished, move outside or to your assigned zone.

If the weather is poor, you should seek shelter in your assigned zone:

- ↴ Theatre
- ↴ Lower
- ↴ Upper atrium

Plans to make the best of these times



We know you will be spending more time outside.

We have ordered 30 **picnic tables** and 6 **large gazebos** to make that more pleasant.

Values matter in our school - We all have a **responsibility** for ourselves and others in the school.

These updated expectations are to keep us all safe – we know you will **respect** that.