

## USE OF FACE COVERINGS ON SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICES ADVICE FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND SCHOOLS

The Government announced on 04/06/2020 that face coverings will be required while using public transport services in England from 15/06/2020. Further information is available via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#history>

School transport services are excluded from the face covering requirement however some parents and carers may choose for their child to wear a face covering while travelling. Children under the age of 3 should not wear face coverings. The wearing of a face covering will not be appropriate for some children including those with breathing difficulties or some with special educational needs and disabilities. Employees of transport operators, when they are acting in the course of their employment, do not have to wear a face covering but may choose to do so.

The following tips may be useful for children when wearing face coverings:

- Face coverings do not need to be medical grade personal protective equipment and people can make their own using scarves or other textiles. Further information regarding how to make a face covering is available via the link below:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>
- Coverings must cover the mouth and nose while allowing the wearer to breathe comfortably. Children should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before putting their face covering on and after taking it off.
- Children should store their face covering in a plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag) when not in use. They should try not to touch the part of the face covering that has been in contact with their mouth and nose when putting it on and taking it off.
- When wearing a face covering, loose ends should be tucked away. The face covering should not be worn on top of the head or around the neck when not in use.
- You should wash any face coverings regularly. They can go in with other laundry, using your normal detergent.
- Encourage children and young people not to share their face covering with anyone else.

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