

## **Birmingham is moving into a tier 1 local response as a result of government intervention due to increase in confirmed cases of Covid19.**

**Tier 1 means the following:**

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The default position for areas in national government intervention is that education and childcare settings will remain open. An area moving into national intervention with restrictions short of education and childcare closure is described as 'tier 1'. There are no changes to childcare, and the only difference in education settings is that where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, 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.

All nurseries, childminders, schools, colleges and other educational establishments should remain open and continue to allow all their children and young people to attend, on site, with no other restrictions in place.

**In line with the guidance, all staff and pupils will be expected to wear masks outside of classrooms and in communal areas where social distancing is not possible.**

**In terms of our context, staff should wear masks at the following times':**

- Going to and from our cars as we make our way into the building and leave
- As we enter and leave the building if we travel by other means
- When we sign in and out
- On corridors and whenever we move around the building
- On our way to and when we leave offices and classrooms including staff working areas
- When we wait for / use the staff room kitchen
- When we wait for / enter and leave staff toilets
- Arrival to and exit from meetings
- When we line pupils up and enter with them into the building in the morning and when we exit with pupils at the end of the day
- When situated in the medical area or when entering the small canteen to see / support pupils who are seeking medical attention.
- Any other time where we could come into contact with someone else in close proximity
- We will refine and add to this list as we receive more guidance and have more time to reflect.

**Staff who have medical exemptions will not be expected to wear a mask. Staff can continue to choose to wear masks during other times such as in meetings should they wish. I must add that this is not expected as social distancing is followed but supported should you make this personal choice.**

**In terms of our context, pupils should wear masks at the following times:**

- Entering the building at the start of the day and exiting at the end
- When they line up in the morning and enter the building / when they leave classrooms at the end of the day and exit the building
- When moving from one classroom to another

- In corridors / when travelling to toilets
- When lining up for toilets / when entering and exiting toilets and inside should toilets have others inside
- In reception
- Lining up for food in the canteen when we get to this point
- If situated in the medical area / or small canteen and being attended to by a the school medical lead
- At any other time where they could come into contact with someone else in close proximity
- We will refine and add to this list as we receive more guidance and have more time to reflect

**Again, pupils with medical exemptions are not required to wear a mask. Like staff, pupils can continue to make personal choices about wearing masks at different times should they wish. Although not expected, it will be supported.**

**To conclude with a really valuable point. Wearing a mask should not be used as a replacement for social distancing and strong personal hygiene. A mask is something that should be used in addition and not replace the**

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