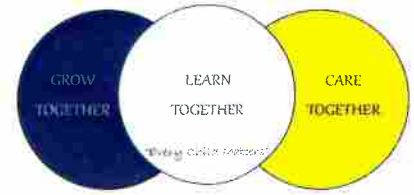




St Mary's High School Downpatrick

Principal: Ms R McLaughlin B.Ed MSc PQH(NI)



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12th October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Face Coverings in Post-Primary Settings

The Department of Health has requested me to inform you that,

'It is strongly recommended that post-primary pupils wear a face covering at all times when inside school buildings, including classrooms, corridors and confined communal spaces such as toilet areas.'

The Department of Health has stated that the prevalence of COVID remains high and it is appropriate that the current guidance on the use of face coverings in school remains in place. The position will be reviewed again at the end of November and we will keep you updated.

We would be grateful if you would please discuss this issue with your daughter as we want to keep everyone safe.

We are asking all parents to ensure that they purchase face coverings for their daughters, if they have not already done so, over the Halloween break. If any student does not have their own face covering the school will charge a fee for disposable masks when the students return in November.

It is crucial that all students abide by this advice with the exception of those who have medical evidence to support an exemption.

As a school, we appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ms McLaughlin,
Principal



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