



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware facemasks have become a routine part of everyone's lives for the time being as we help to protect ourselves and others against Covid-19. Following guidance from Public Health Wigan, all adults and staff at Dean Trust Rose Bridge are now required to wear facemasks when moving around the school premises, and other areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

Unfortunately, however it has been brought to our attention that some students on the school bus and public buses are removing their facemasks during the journey. I would like to ask for your support in this matter and to please reinforce the guidance on using facemasks to your child if they are currently using either a school bus or a public bus.

In addition, I have been asked to pass on the following information from the Department for Education in relation to face coverings when travelling to school;

Guidance on use of face covering when travelling to school or college

Children aged 11 and over are legally required to wear a face covering on public transport in England, unless exempt for health, age or disability reasons. In accordance with advice from Public Health England, we recommend that local authorities advise children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt. Coronavirus (COVID-19) usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. When used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others. Schools should support local authorities in promoting the use of face coverings when travelling to and from school, and help them to resolve any issues of non-compliance where appropriate.

Thank for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Miss L Cropper
Head of School

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