



September 14th 2020

Important latest advice from Coventry Local Authority

As a pre-emptive measure to prevent a further rise in numbers which may result in tighter restrictions in Coventry and in response to a number of headteacher concerns about drop off / pick up times within the city, Coventry Local Authority are advising that schools ask parents to wear **face coverings when dropping off and picking up** children. They suggest that this is put in place from Monday 14th September.

They state that in light of the national change to the restrictions that come in from today, to limit the number of people that you can see socially indoors or outdoors, it would also be helpful to remember your own responsibility to socially distance and not use the school gate or surrounding area as a place to gather, which puts the school community at risk.

We appreciate that this is another key change to the pick-up and collection routine here at Manor Park, but we would politely request that members of the community do follow this advice. The risk of transmission is not only of people developing COVID-19, but also of significant disruption to the running of the school in the event of a number of positive cases. In such an instance, the school may be advised that whole bubbles of children must self-isolate and conduct home learning. As I'm sure you can imagine, this would be very inconvenient for the community – working parents, staff and pupils alike – not only to school and work life, but also to the restrictions that self-isolation imposes on home and personal life.

A member of staff will continue to be on both school gates to greet you and to help organise drop offs and pick-ups. Staff will continue not to wear face coverings in classrooms but will be maintaining strict social distancing at these times to help to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours Sincerely

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