Updates to the use of face coverings

We are strengthening the use of face covering across all sectors, as per the diagram below. In all circumstances the use of face coverings would only be recommended where a 2m social distance could not be maintained. These policies will be reviewed at Easter to consider their continuation into the Spring Term.

	Sectors	Cohort	Current Guidance		New Guidance		
0			Classrooms	Communal Areas	Classrooms	Communal areas	Comments
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	ly Years Primary	Staff & Visitors	X		*	/	From 8 March, face coverings required by adults in communal areas, unless 2m social distancing can be maintained.
		Children	×	X	×	X	
Secor	condary & FE	Staff & Visitors	X	/	/	/	From 8 March, face coverings required in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff and students, unless 2m social distancing can be maintained.
		Students	X	/	/	/	
	HE	Staff & Visitors	9	/			
Н		Students				/	

Symbol	Meaning			
*	Classroom, teaching spaces, lecture theatres - not including during physical activity			
	Communal areas including corridors and staff rooms			
/	Face coverings are recommended			
×	Face coverings are not recommended			
	Use of face coverings at the discretion of headteacher, setting leader or provider as appropriate. *Face coverings should only be considered where social distancing cannot be maintained between staff/adults, not between adults and children.			