



## **Face coverings in school April 2021**

**In response to the non-statutory guidance from the Department of Education April 2021. Wathen Grange operates a current policy of exemption to the wearing of face coverings for students as our students due to their social, emotional and mental health needs require clear sound and the use of facial expressions to communicate. The wearing of face coverings for staff is left to their own discretion and should be an appropriate response to the needs of the students.**

**It should be noted to any visitors that some people are less able to wear face coverings and that the reasons for this may not be visible to others.**

**Face coverings are available for all staff, students and visitors and will be provided on request.**

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