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Dear Parents/Carers,   10th September 2020

I am writing to remind you of the Lincolnshire County Councils guidance regarding face coverings on designated school transport.

The Council is receiving a high number of contacts from transport providers and parents that are worried because many children are boarding transport wearing a face covering and then removing it during journeys.

As you know it is mandatory to wear a face covering on public transport unless exemptions apply. Public Health recommends face coverings on dedicated school transport for all children aged 11 and over. **Lincolnshire County Council's local stance for dedicated school transport is that all travellers must wear a face covering if they can, including children under age 11.**

I would like to further reiterate that our colleagues in Public Health have indicated that wearing a face covering, along with the other preventative measures in place, will noticeably reduce a pupil's need to self-isolate if they are travelling on a school transport vehicle where a peer subsequently tests positive for Covid-19. This is even more of an incentive to encourage the use of face covering.

Outlined below are the procedures we have in place for children who are able to manage the wearing of a face covering for travelling on designated school transport. We expect all children to be able to put on and take off their face coverings themselves, staff are not able to help them with this procedure.

On arrival at school children wearing face coverings/masks are to:

- wash their hands upon arrival
- dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin
- place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag
- wash their hands again

When leaving school children will:

- wash their hands
- put on their face covering

I thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

D. Pilsworth