



Letter to Parents 43/2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Updated guidelines on use of masks and face shields in school

We would like to provide an update to the latest guidance on use of masks and face shields in schools.

The Ministry of Health has just announced that with effect from 2 Jun, face shields will be treated differently from masks. Masks will now be required as the default when you are outside your home.

Face shields will only be allowed in place of masks for specific exempt groups or settings, where the wearing of masks may not be practical. They are:

- Children 12 years and below, who may have difficulty wearing and keeping masks on for a prolonged period of time;
- Persons who have health conditions that may result in breathing or other medical difficulties when a mask is worn for a prolonged period of time; and
- Persons, including teachers, who are speaking to a group in a classroom or lecture-style setting, where they are able to maintain a safe distance from others.

In view of the latest announcement, students in secondary schools and JC/CI should not be wearing face shields unless they have a certified health condition as highlighted. We would like to seek parents' assistance in ensuring that your children are equipped with the appropriate gear when returning to school, and that they know how to use and store them safely.

If your children, or anyone in the home is unwell, do take them to the doctor and stay home till they have recovered. Let us all do our part to keep the school community safe.

Link to MOH Press Release

<https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/guidance-for-use-of-masks-and-face-shields>

Thank you and stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

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