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FACE MASKS

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff,

In order to prepare for a successful and safe transition to school, I am writing to share information about best practices and requirements regarding face masks. As you know, all students, faculty and staff are required to wear face masks which cover the nose and mouth. As per our reopening plan, **no one will be permitted into the building without a face mask**. Students are asked to wear their own face masks. Be assured that students, faculty and staff members who are in need of a mask will be provided with a disposable mask. Parents, please wear a mask when on school property if appropriate social distancing of 6 feet or more is not feasible.

As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), masks with exhalation valves or vents allow virus particles to escape. Evaluation about gaiters is on-going, but effectiveness is unknown at this time. With this in mind, **masks with exhalation valves or vents and gaiters are not permitted to be worn in school**. Please see the CDC website for information regarding choosing, wearing, and cleaning masks. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>



Thank you in advance for supporting us as we work together to create a healthy and safe environment for our learning community. We will continue to keep you updated as new information is presented to us from the CDC and DOH.

Sincerely,

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