

# ARDMONA PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 1563

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Dear Parents & Guardians

As you are probably aware, in line with advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has announced that all Victorians must wear a face covering when they leave home from 11.59pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020.

Face coverings will be mandatory for people aged 12 and over. These measures will slow the spread of COVID-19 and help protect the community.

In schools, this means that school-based staff and secondary school students will be required to wear a face covering. The Chief Health Officer has advised that any face covering will be acceptable – it does not need to be a surgical mask.

Students who attend primary school, including those aged 12 by year 6, will not be required to wear a face covering. The Chief Health Officer has advised that it is not practical to require some primary school students to wear face coverings while others are not required to do.

Students or staff who have a medical condition – including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition – are not required to wear a face covering.

## **Guidance for Schools**

All school-based staff must wear face coverings at school and when travelling to and from school.

Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face covering while teaching, but those who wish to do so can.

Teachers should wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid or taking temperatures) and when travelling to and from school.

Parents/carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up.

Please continue to check our updates on Facebook and UeducateUs regularly as we will continue to keep you informed about any changes for schools.

Yours sincerely

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