



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS: Children & Face Masks

To slow the spread of the Coronavirus, all HCS staff, students, and visitors will be required to wear a face mask while in school and on the school bus. According to the South Carolina Department of Education, student face coverings may be removed while eating, upon teacher or administrator direction while in the classroom, or during special activities outside the classroom. Discuss the importance of wearing a mask with your child. These helpful tips will make wearing a mask more comfortable for your child throughout the school day.

How can parents help?

- **Be Consistent.** Remind your child to wear their masks, just like you.
- **Personalized.** Find out their preference and what type is most comfortable. Your child may prefer a mask with characters or decorating their own.
- **Practice at home.** As a family, practice wearing masks for a few hours at home and get the hang of it.
- **Explain why it is important.** Tell your child that masks help keep all of us safe and healthy.
- **Identify good behavior.** Point out others who are doing a good job wearing masks and find fun ways to reward your child when wearing their masks appropriately.

For more information on face masks and additional guidance, please visit the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control at www.scdhec.gov and the South Carolina Department of Education at www.ed.sc.gov.



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