



## **Murchison Primary School**

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Dear Parents,

As you are probably aware, in line with advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government announced that compulsory wearing of face coverings will extend to all of Victoria from 11.59pm on Sunday 2 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.

Students who attend primary school for on-site supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. Students who are aged 12 or over by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings. The Victorian 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.

Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face coverings 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.

Students and 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 mask.

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

We will discuss this information with students tomorrow and we look for your support to discuss this with your child/ren

Please continue to check your emails and our website, for updates regularly as we will continue to keep you informed about any changes announced for schools.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Goodwin