



Oakbrook Preparatory School
Frequently Asked Questions
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Who has to wear masks? And when?

All students in K3-12 must wear a mask when entering and exiting the school. Students in K3-K5 may remove their masks in the classrooms unless otherwise directed by their teacher. Students in grades 1-12 must wear their masks while they are in the building and also to and from their vehicles during arrival and dismissal. They will not be required to wear masks while eating lunch or during outside recess. Face shields will be allowed in specified classes.

Why is the mask policy changing?

The Oakbrook Prep task force made this decision based on the recommendations from our public health officials, SCISA, and the recent mask requirements put in place by Governor McMaster. As soon as possible, we will resume our original plan and will communicate any new information with our school families.

What kind of face mask is required?

Based on the CDC guidelines the following criteria should be used in selecting a mask that provides the necessary coverage to help prevent both the spread of illness and offer protection to the wearer:

All masks should:

1. fit snugly but comfortable against the side of the face without gaps and completely cover the mouth and nose.
2. be secured with ties or ear loops (unless wearing an approved gaiter)
3. allow for unrestricted breathing
4. consist of at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (with/without an additional filter)
5. be machine washable and dryable without damaging the mask or changing its shape.

There are many different designs available but the most important thing to remember is that not all masks will properly fit all face and head shapes. It is necessary to have a mask that fits properly in order to be effective.

How do I properly put on and remove a mask?

Putting on a mask:

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily

Removing a mask:

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place mask in the washing machine (learn more about [how to wash masks](#))
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.

What if my child has a medical diagnosis that prohibits them from wearing a mask?

Please contact [Nurse Nail](#) for an exemption.