

Durham Public Schools: Guidance on Face Coverings

The information outlined below are a few of the protocols relative to the guidance Pearsontown will follow regarding face coverings as we begin to open for the 2021-2022 school year. These points are in direct compliance with Durham Public Schools and will be followed unless further directed by Dr. Mubenga, the DPS School Board and the NC Legislature.

- *Masks are required at all times for all staff, students, and visitors in the building.*
- *Preschool 5 year old students are required to wear masks at all times except nap time on individual cots. Preschool 3 and 4 year old students are expected to wear masks at all times except for nap time on individual cots/mats. Preschool teachers will work collaboratively with parents to encourage mask wearing by younger preschoolers. If after strategies are implemented with fidelity to teach the child and the child is still refusing to wear a mask, teachers should contact their preschool coach to help problem solve. Preschool cots/mats can be put in each area for naptime, ensure children's cots/mats are spaced as much as possible, and place cots/mats for children head to toe to prevent virus from spreading. No masks required at nap time.*
- *Parents may request a mask exception for their student. Guidelines can be found [here](#).*
- *Students may be provided a short "mask break" at an appropriate time when social distancing can be enforced, such as outside.*
- *Water fountains will remain operable. Students and staff are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle from home. Cup dispensers will be installed at water fountains but may not be installed prior to the start of school.*
- *Student lunches, for most students, will continue to occur in classrooms due to the social distancing restrictions within the cafeteria while students are eating.*