



A message from Buckinghamshire Council for all schools to share with parents and carers - behaviour outside school (COVID)

The government continues to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our children and young people and is not closing early years settings, schools, further education (FE) providers or universities during this current lockdown.

It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school. All our schools have implemented a range of protective measures to make them safe.

In Buckinghamshire we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which all our children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. We would like to remind everyone – pupils, parents, carers and staff - about the importance of social distancing when travelling to and from school. Children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport. Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college. This does not apply to those who are [exempt from wearing a face covering](#).

Travel in or out of local areas should be avoided, and parents, carers and staff should look to reduce the number of journeys they make - but travelling to deliver and access education is still permitted.

Staff, children and their parents and carers are encouraged to walk or cycle when travelling to and from school where this is possible and to plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. This will allow social distancing to be practised.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

