

Mask Up Maltby

For the 2020-2021 school year, all Maltby students and staff will be required to wear a face covering while in the classroom and in shared areas of Maltby. **It must be over the mouth and nose to be used effectively.** Below are some considerations for Maltby families to think about as we prepare to start school under these unusual circumstances.

1. Start talking to your student about wearing a mask.

- i. Explain why they are required at school
- ii. Answer your students questions with confidence and encouragement
- iii. Remind them this is not just about them, all students and staff will be wearing masks!

2. Ways to help your student wear a mask-

- i. Ask your child to wear it at home and in other social situations. Get used to taking it off and putting it back on efficiently.
- ii. Encourage your student to personalize their mask or pick out their own.

3. Students will be required to wear masks at school.

- a. The Back to School Roadmap states that in Phase 4 students will be required to wear mask in their classrooms and shared spaces within the school building
 - i. If your student refuses to wear a mask at school:
 1. A disposable mask will be offered to the student and a warning given.
 2. The second time a student is found without a face covering, the student's parents will be notified and the student will be sent home.
 3. If the behavior continues, disciplinary action will be taken and a parent meeting will take place.
 - ii. The only times students will not be required to wear masks is when they are eating/drinking or at recess/outside with their class cohort.

Here is a helpful article about masks and kids:

<https://www.healthline.com/health-news/from-toddlers-to-teens-how-to-talk-to-kids-about-wearing-masks>