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