

## Face Covering Policy & Guidance

Face coverings are mainly intended to protect others and not the wearer. When used correctly, they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main sources of transmitting coronavirus (COVID-19). The use of face coverings as a public health protection measure in England falls under the [Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#).

Keble staff and students are expected to abide by the [University face covering policy](#) (including exemptions where appropriate). This document sets out the local, College-specific, guidance.

Face coverings **must be correctly worn** (except by those who are exempt) when entering College buildings and in all shared indoor spaces. These spaces include:

- Teaching and meeting rooms
- Common rooms
- Collaborative learning spaces
- The bar (unless eating and /or drinking)
- Corridors and circulation spaces, including the public areas of Lodges and the main staircase leading to Hall and the queue for the servery
- The marquee (unless otherwise specified)
- Chapel (with limited exceptions)
- O'Reilly Theatre
- College gyms and boathouses

The **exceptions** are:

- Single-occupancy offices and student bedrooms
- Defined households in student accommodation
- Hall, cafés and dining areas whilst eating and/or drinking
- Shared offices, when seated > 2m away from others
- Lodge staff working behind protective screens and working >2m apart from colleagues
- Quads and open spaces
- College vehicles (unless there is more than one person in the vehicle)

There may be people who have a legitimate reason not to wear a face covering. Some of the reasons may be hidden. Some individuals may choose to use a sunflower lanyard or other symbol of a hidden disability.

Staff/students/visitors who do not wear a face covering whilst inside College buildings may be politely asked to wait outside whilst their matter is dealt with. This is out of consideration for those around us.

Staff, students (and contractors, visitors, and members of the public) are responsible for providing their own face coverings for use in College buildings. Where face masks (i.e. surgical standard) are required as an item of PPE through risk assessment, then the College will provide these.

Wash your cloth mask whenever it gets dirty or at least daily. If you have a disposable face mask, throw it away after wearing it once and do not place it on surfaces.

Both Lodges have disposable face coverings for sale (80p each).

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