



Fitzwilliam College Policy on the use of Face Coverings

Fitzwilliam expects everyone who can (see list of exceptions below) to wear a face mask or covering when outside of their household in the following circumstances:

- When inside communal College buildings (except where you are sole occupant, or in an enclosed space within the building where you are the sole occupant).
- When queuing to collect food or drinks and moving to a designated space to eat or drink, where the covering may be removed when you are seated.
- During face-to-face meetings and supervisions indoors.
- When attending presentations, drama or musical performances.
- In all outside environments where social distancing of at least 2m is not achieved

Face coverings should be worn when working in the Library.

We should carry face coverings with us at all times and wear them when asked to do so by anyone in College when it would be a courtesy to others. Please also be considerate of those who are excused the need to wear a face covering, due to certain conditions (see below).

Those with the following conditions are excused the need to wear a face covering:

- Pre-existing breathing difficulties and/or other respiratory conditions not related to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection
- Mental-health conditions such as anxiety or panic disorders exacerbated by wearing a face covering
- Non-visible disabilities that would be exacerbated by wearing a face covering
- Visual impairments, with a restricted field of vision, particularly if any residual vision is at the lower edge of the normal field of view
- Impairments that would make it difficult to put on or take off a face covering safely, accurately, consistently, or without pain.

Organisers of events to be held in College will be required to complete a risk assessment which will explicitly consider the use of face coverings during the event. Events will not be approved unless the risk assessment has been signed off by the Head Porter or the Domestic Bursar.

College staff servicing private areas, including student households or bedrooms, Fellows' offices or residential accommodation, or occupied shared office space will wear appropriate personal protective equipment (normally face coverings, gloves and plastic aprons).

Visitors to College administrative offices are required to follow these rules. The conduct of staff who work in these areas will be governed by departmental risk assessments completed under the Return to Work procedure.

It will be some time before we can be together again as we are used to at Fitzwilliam College and we will all need to support each other as we get used to the new measures in place. If you notice that someone has made a mistake and overlooked these guidelines, please let them know in a friendly and polite way. Or if someone reminds you of your own slip, please don't take offence – we're all just trying to keep everyone safe.