

Covid-19 Guidelines for Childrens Face Coverings

Leave the Masks to the Superheroes!



So what are the rules?

Children aged under 11 are not covered by the Government rules and **do not** have to wear face covers.

DO NOT put a face covering on your child under the age of 3

Following Government guidelines, Solihull Council is urging parents and carers not to put face coverings on their babies and young children under 3 years. Concerned parents across Solihull are doing their best to protect their babies and toddlers from Covid-19 but unfortunately, this may put their under 3s in danger of choking or suffocation.

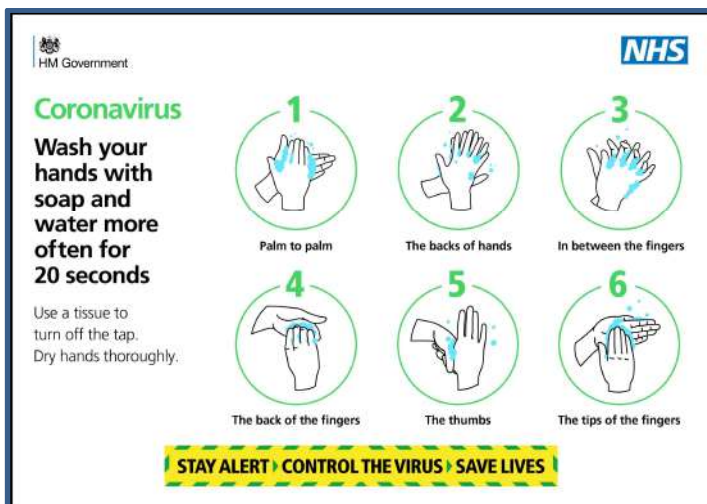
Babies and young children under the age of 3 have smaller airways so breathing through a face covering is harder for them, hence the risk of suffocation. The risks do not stop there - the NHS warns infants in a panic could become tangled in their face coverings risking injury. Also, toddlers being toddlers, are not likely to keep the covering on and will touch their face more to try and remove it.

Many organisations such as the NHS and the Lullaby Trust have also strongly advised to steer clear of other face covering products for children including face coverings with dummies attached to them and hats with visors on, both of which risk suffocation and choking.

Face coverings do not replace social distancing so build your toddlers good habits early, socially distance where possible and wash hands regularly for 20 seconds or more with warm soapy water.

Remember, the Government states 'evidence suggests wearing a face covering does not protect the wearer. However, if you are infected but have not yet developed symptoms, it may provide some protection for others you come into close contact with'.

For the latest government advice visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-your-home#face-coverings>



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Coronavirus

Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds

Use a tissue to turn off the tap. Dry hands thoroughly.

- 1 Palm to palm
- 2 The backs of hands
- 3 In between the fingers
- 4 The back of the fingers
- 5 The thumbs
- 6 The tips of the fingers

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