

Covid-19 – The compulsory wearing of face covering in shops

The introduction of the requirement for people to wear face covering in shops is intended to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

There are certain groups of people who are exempt from this requirement and they include:

- Children under the age of 11
- People with disabilities
- Those with breathing difficulties or
- Those who are travelling with someone who relies on lip reading.

These groups of people or their parents/guardians are free to indicate the reason, if required, as to why they are not wearing a face covering, and can refer to this document.

There is no requirement for general practice to issue letters for patients who are unable to wear face coverings, as the Government have clearly defined the exemptions as above.

Link to government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering> (Last accessed 17/07/2020)

Many thanks for your help and support in this matter.

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