



Dear Parents/Carers

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at Severndale Specialist Academy**

In anticipation of new Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) being made available to Severndale, we would like to make you aware that when your child accesses childcare at school during the Covid-19 pandemic, they may see members of staff wearing additional PPE – when this is required. The times that staff will use masks or face/ eye protection will vary depending on the activity and individual they are working with.

Please find an information poster attached with photographs of our school nurse Bev wearing the pieces of PPE that school staff may need to wear and why.

Also attached is a social story about PPE for you to share with your child in the event they need to access our childcare facility. We would be grateful if you could share the social story and photos of Bev with your child before they attend childcare so they know what to expect and can feel comfortable about this new process.

In addition to PPE, we support our pupils and staff to stay safe on site during this pandemic in a range of other ways including:

- Enabling very small groups of 2 pupils in a room or on their own
- Staff ratios of 1:1/ 2:1 so that cleaning of surfaces and resources can be continuous and thorough
- Staggered break and lunch times
- Staff to socially distance in staff rooms
- Frequent hand washing for everyone

Please be assured that the additional PPE are precautions that we are taking only when social distancing guidance cannot be followed.

If you have any questions about PPE at Severndale, please contact the main school reception with your query and a member of the team will make contact with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

**Sabrina Hobbs**  
Principal