

**Should students wear masks in school?**  
**(Primary, Secondary & College)**  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Question Primary:**

“Should pupils wear masks in school?”

**Question Secondary:**

“Should students wear masks in school?”

**Question College:**

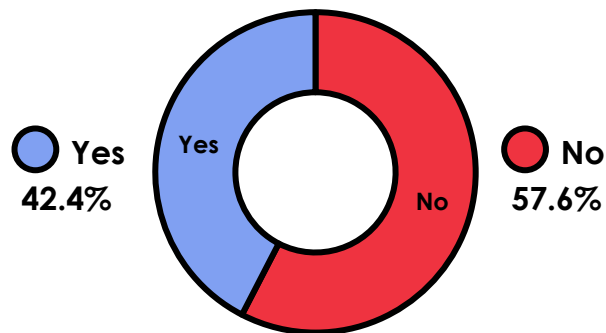
“Should masks in schools & colleges be compulsory?”

**Grand Total**

Primary:

Yes 42.41%

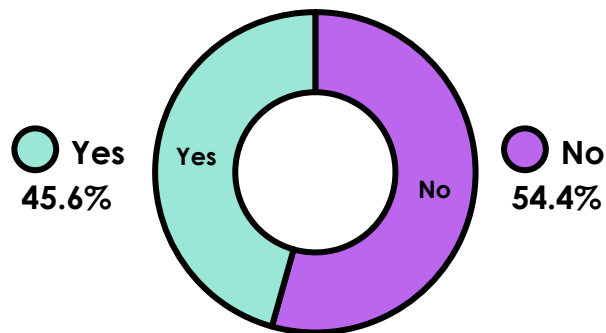
No 57.59%



Secondary:

Yes 45.62%

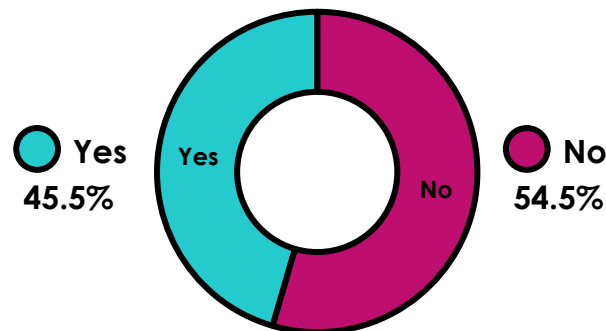
No 54.38%



College:

Yes 45.50%

No 54.50%



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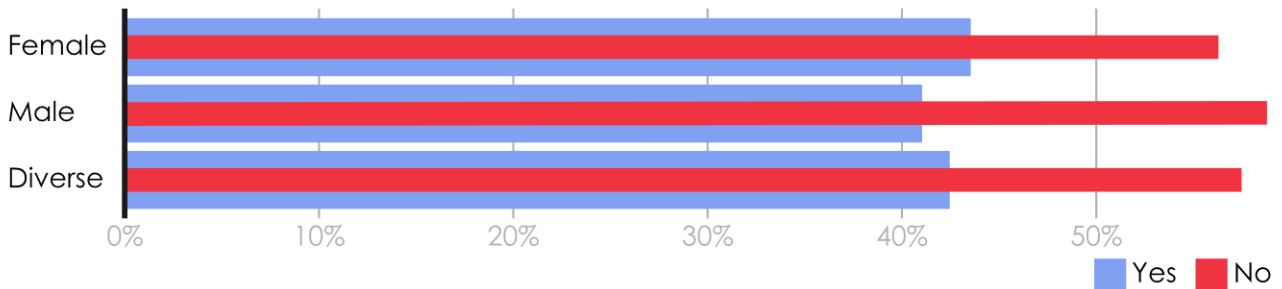
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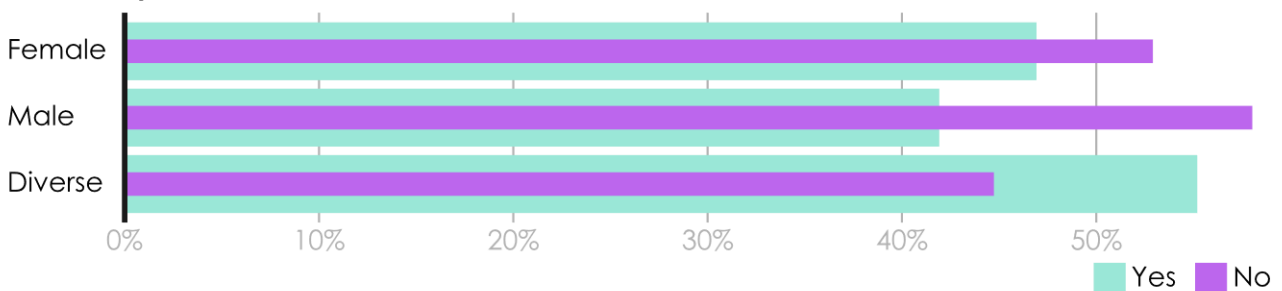
## Gender

\*Votes collected as "Diverse" include students that identify as gender diverse, as well as students that wish not to disclose their gender.

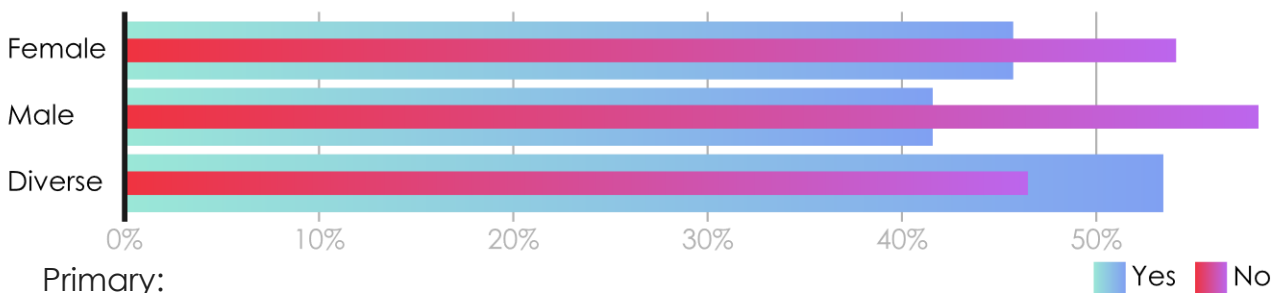
### Primary



### Secondary



### Primary & Secondary Combined



#### Primary:

	Yes	No
Female	43.64%	56.36%
Male	41.14%	58.86%
Diverse*	42.46%	57.54%

#### Secondary:

	Yes	No
Female	47.03%	52.97%
Male	41.91%	58.09%
Diverse*	55.25%	44.75%

#### Primary and Secondary Total:

	Yes	No
Female	45.79%	54.21%
Male	41.63%	58.37%
Diverse*	53.47%	46.53%

In Primary schools, **female voters had the biggest percentage of Yes votes with 43.6% of Primary pupils saying Yes**, pupils should wear masks in schools. This was followed by diverse students with 1.2% fewer voting Yes and male pupils with 2.5% fewer saying Yes, compared to females.

In Secondary schools, diverse students had the biggest percentage of Yes votes, with 55.2% saying Yes, students should wear masks in schools. This was followed by female students, with 47% voting Yes and male students of whom 41.9% voted Yes. In Secondary schools 5.1% fewer males voted Yes compared to female students and 13.3% fewer compared to diverse voters.



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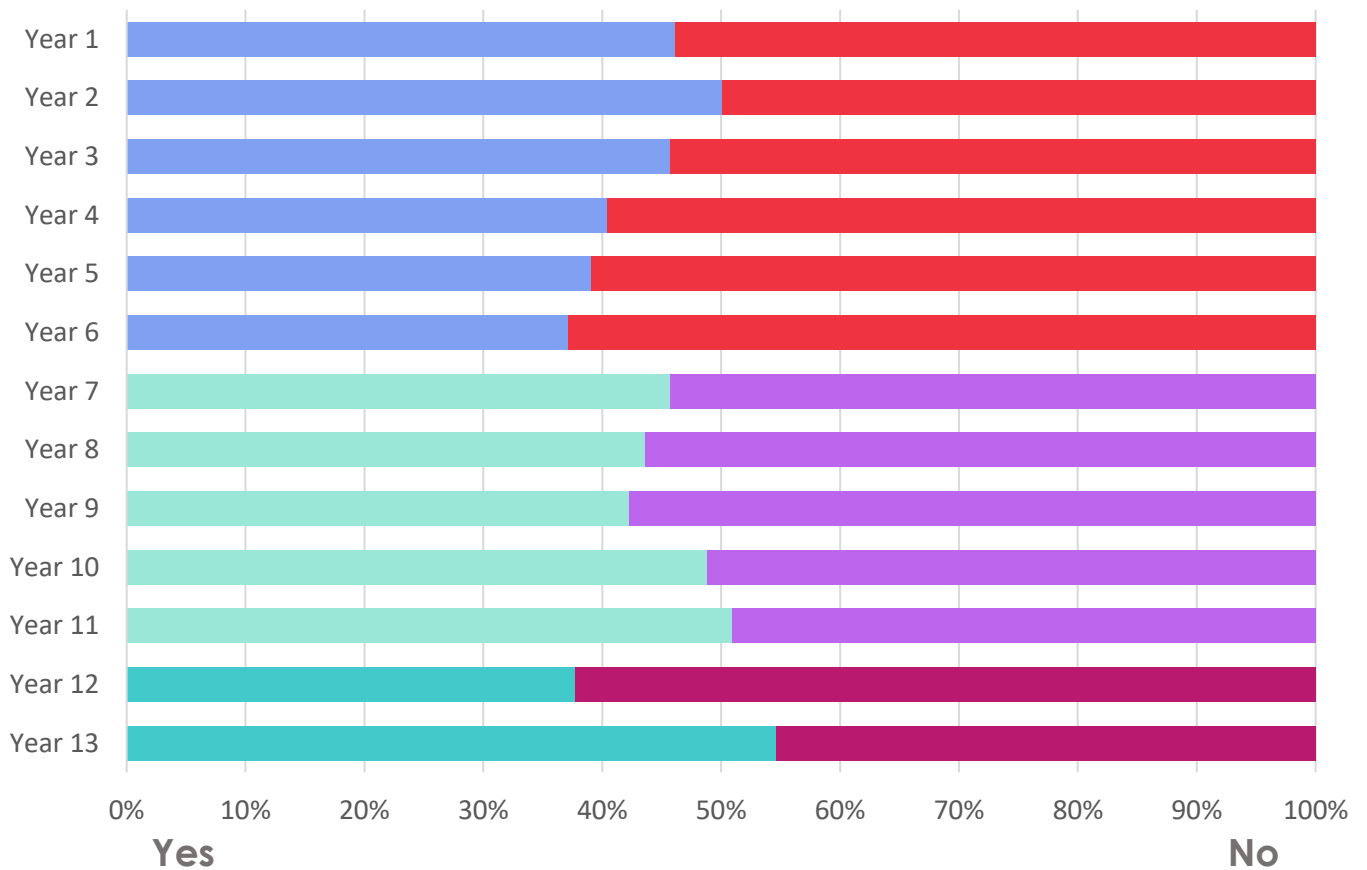
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## Age

Year Group	Yes	No
1	46.10%	53.90%
2	50.04%	49.96%
3	45.74%	54.26%
4	40.42%	59.58%
5	39.10%	60.90%
6	37.15%	62.85%
7	45.68%	54.32%
8	43.64%	56.36%
9	42.25%	57.75%
10	48.84%	51.16%
11	50.95%	49.05%
12	37.72%	62.28%
13	54.64%	45.36%

Votes by Year Group

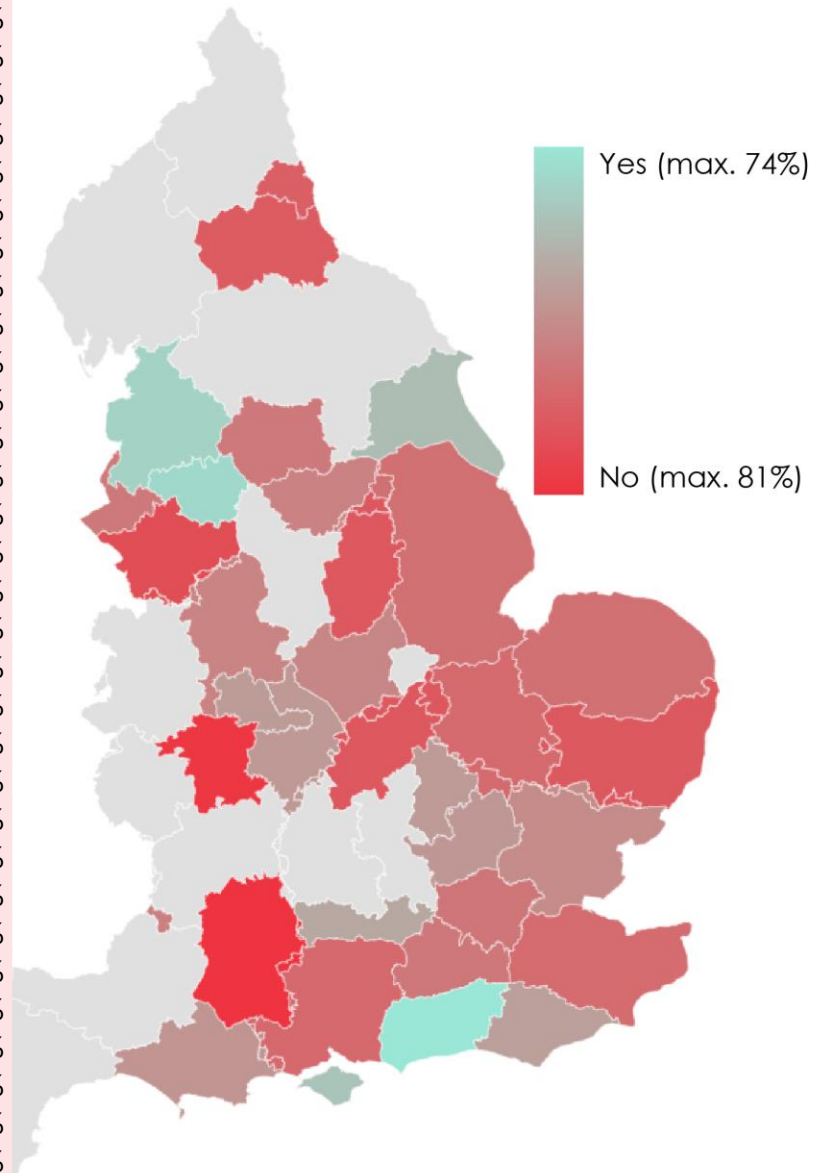




## Location

Primary, Secondary & College Total:

	Yes	No
West Sussex	74.23%	25.77%
Greater Manchester	70.04%	29.96%
Lancashire	67.93%	32.07%
Isle of Wight	63.59%	36.41%
East Riding of Yorkshire	61.15%	38.85%
Berkshire	54.87%	45.13%
East Sussex	52.44%	47.56%
West Midlands	51.26%	48.74%
Bedfordshire	50.69%	49.31%
Warwickshire	50.22%	49.78%
Hertfordshire	50.00%	50.00%
Dorset	48.84%	51.16%
Greater London	48.59%	51.41%
Essex	46.08%	53.92%
Leicestershire	44.54%	55.46%
Staffordshire	43.82%	56.18%
South Yorkshire	43.10%	56.90%
Bristol	42.65%	57.35%
North Yorkshire	42.25%	57.75%
Merseyside	40.56%	59.44%
West Yorkshire	40.42%	59.58%
Surrey	39.86%	60.14%
Lincolnshire	37.98%	62.02%
Norfolk	37.84%	62.16%
London	36.65%	63.35%
Kent	36.40%	63.60%
Cambridgeshire	35.94%	64.06%
Hampshire	35.48%	64.52%
Tyne and Wear	32.72%	67.28%
Durham	31.25%	68.75%
Suffolk	30.36%	69.64%
Nottinghamshire	30.28%	69.72%
Northamptonshire	29.99%	70.01%
Cheshire	26.98%	73.02%
Worcestershire	20.00%	80.00%
Wiltshire	18.74%	81.26%



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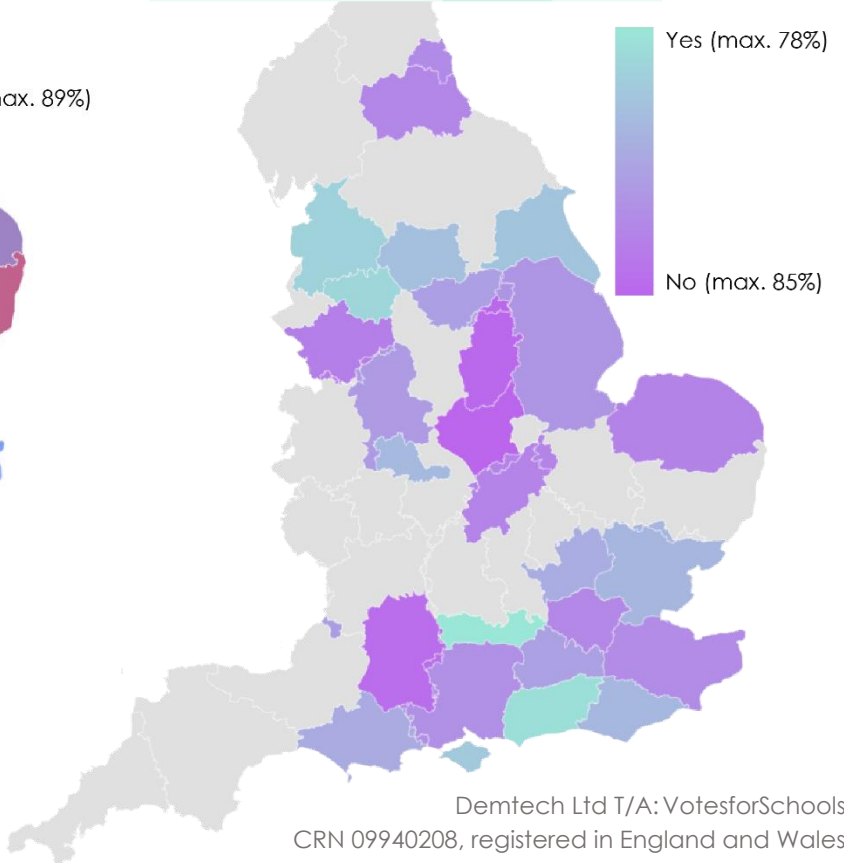
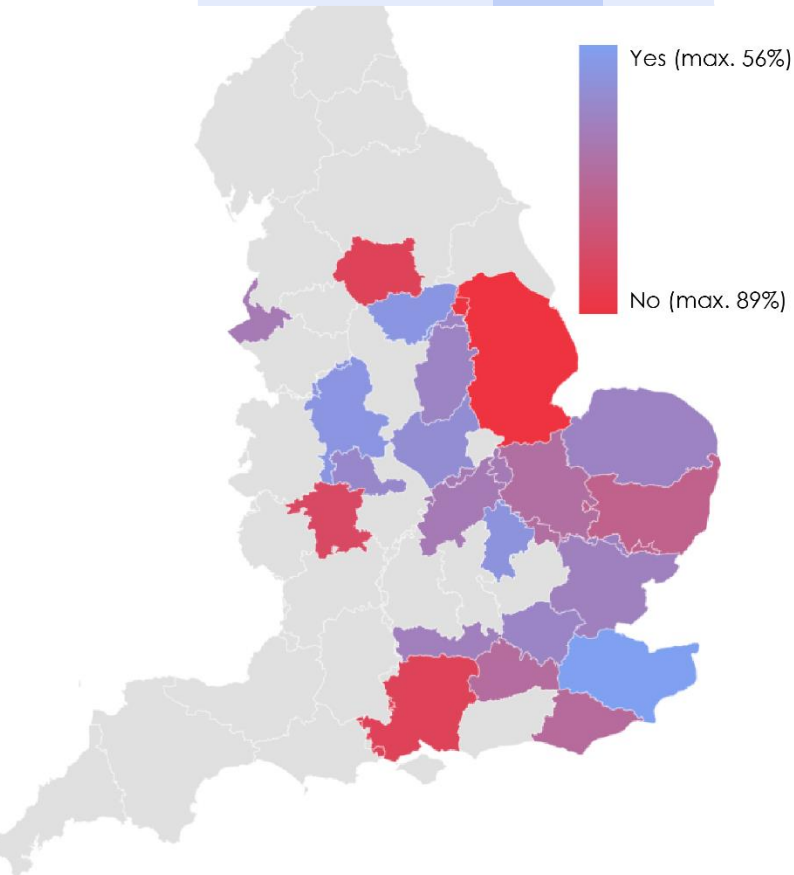
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Primary:

	Yes	No
Kent	56.14%	43.86%
South Yorkshire	52.17%	47.83%
Staffordshire	51.72%	48.28%
Bedfordshire	50.69%	49.31%
Greater London	48.59%	51.41%
Leicestershire	48.51%	51.49%
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East Sussex	34.38%	65.63%
North Yorkshire	33.33%	66.67%
Suffolk	30.36%	69.64%
Worcestershire	20.00%	80.00%
Hampshire	17.65%	82.35%
West Yorkshire	17.57%	82.43%
Lincolnshire	11.11%	88.89%

Secondary:

	Yes	No
Berkshire	78.45%	21.55%
West Sussex	74.23%	25.77%
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Cheshire	26.98%	73.02%
Wiltshire	18.74%	81.26%
Nottinghamshire	16.36%	83.64%
Leicestershire	14.81%	85.19%



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## Students' Comments

A large amount of comments from pupils and students mentioned how glad they were to be able to discuss this topic and to be given the opportunity to be heard within this greater conversation. These are some of the things they had to say:

"It's actually **really important**, so **thanks** for the question!"

Secondary School, Dorset

"A good topic to **get us thinking** about the current circumstances."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"I think it is **great to ask students** about what they think about wearing masks in school."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"It is a **good opportunity for students to play their part** on the vote as of the current pandemic."

Secondary School, Lancashire

"I think it's a good topic because it's **very topical and extremely current**, and I think it would be really interesting to see what others think!"

Secondary School, Dorset

"I think it's great that we **students get a voice.**"

Secondary School, East Sussex

"It was a really **good topic.**"

Secondary School, Lancashire

"It was nice to be able to have **our thoughts taken into account** about the current situation."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"I think it is a good topic to view because some people were confused as the government keep changing the rules. It is good to see what most people think about it. I think it is **good for everyone to get their thought and opinion heard.**"

Primary School, Greater London

"I think this topic was very **interesting** and also related to the current situation!"

Primary School, Greater London

"I really **like this topic** because this topic you really need to think about it."

Primary School, Greater London



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This is what the students had to say about the VoteTopic and why they voted Yes or No:

"Even if we are in our own bubble at school, we are going to have to **go back home to our family possibly putting them at risk.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"Masks **should be mandatory** in all schools across the UK, especially right now because of the high number of Covid cases. We should **play our part in reducing the spread** of the virus. If **masks are mandatory in shops** and public, why should schools be exempt."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"We should wear face masks in school because when we are **in corridors we come in close contact** with others. Wearing masks **can protect us and others** as they stop us from coughing on to others."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"Pupils and members of the school would **feel more safe and secure** if people wore masks at school."

Secondary School, East Sussex

"My school has **just had a year 8 student test positive** and if we had masks in class as well as corridors, the **spread could have been dramatically reduced.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"Looking at the situation we are in right now, if masks are worn in school, it **keeps students safer** from catching anything."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"Students in big schools **can't really social distance** either so a **mask might not do much** due to the amount of **human contact.**"

Secondary School, Norfolk

"People shouldn't wear masks in school because **we are already in school bubbles.**"

Secondary School, Lancashire

"I **don't like** wearing a mask."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"It **distracts students from their learning**, plus our germs will be **spread in other areas** where they aren't essential."

Secondary School, Berkshire



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