



Matthews Hall

Established 1918

COVID-19 MASK EXEMPTION FORM

The Public Health Agency of Canada has stated that non-medical masks play a role in stopping the spread of COVID-19. They act as a barrier and reduce the chance of spreading infectious respiratory droplets to others and prevent infectious droplets from landing on surfaces from coughs or sneezes.

As one of the measures to be taken to protect the health and safety of students and staff, the Ontario Government has announced in its Guide to Reopening Ontario's Schools (Updated) that non-medical or cloth masks will be mandatory for students in Grades 1 to 12 in schools, including in hallways and during classes, and on school transportation. The health and safety measures that staff and students take while attending school will assist Matthews Hall (the "School") in remaining open for in-person instruction.

Where a family is unable to provide a non-medical mask or cloth mask for their child(ren), the School will provide one for them. Matthews Hall does recognize that for medical or other reasons, it may not be possible for some students to wear a non-medical mask at school.

If you wish to request an **exemption** for your child from the requirement to wear a mask, please complete and submit this form to the Head of School.

Please be advised that, in some cases where students are unable to wear a non-medical mask, it may be necessary for the School to implement alternative measures to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

The Head of School or designate will contact you to discuss alternative measures in the event that they are necessary.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

REASON FOR MASK EXEMPTION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Disability:

- Asthma (Plan of Care necessary. Please speak to the Head of School)
- Breathing difficulties caused by underlying health condition (e.g., severe allergies, heart or lung disease)
- Intellectual/developmental
- Sensory processing
- Hearing/communication
- Physical/Other;

OR

___ Religion/Creed _____

(The Human Rights Commission has indicated that “Creed” is interpreted to mean “religious creed” or “religion”. It is defined as a professed system and confession of faith, including both beliefs and observances or worship.)

****PLEASE PROVIDE A LETTER FROM YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR RELIGIOUS LEADER IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION****

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____