



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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*Office of the
Superintendent*

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Dear Early Childhood Parents,

We know that there has been some confusion regarding whether or not our Early Childhood students would be wearing masks to start the school year. As of August 27th, 2021, the New York State Department of Health has mandated **“universal masking of teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools over age two that are able to medically tolerate a face covering/mask and regardless of vaccination status, which is required until this determination is modified or rescinded.”**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre Education Department will be abiding by this mandate and will require all students ages two and up to be masked while in the school building, other than while eating, drinking or napping.

Our ultimate goal is to be able to have students come to school without masks, particularly our youngest students. We will pay very close attention to State mandates and inform you of any changes as soon as they are announced.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all navigate this difficult time together as a Diocesan community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Denise Smith
Interim Superintendent
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