



## PROCESS FOR REMOVING A FACE MASK

All children wearing a face mask should be taught how to remove it safely using the process below. Primary school children do not wear masks in class, but may be wearing them on arrival due to public transport. Most children will be wearing re-useable masks that must be be put away securely in a sealable plastic bag in their school bags.

Children must be supervised when removing and storing their masks.

Staff may offer support to younger children in the safe removal of masks, but must take care to wash their hands thoroughly before and after. As much as possible support should be verbal.

### How to remove a face mask

- 1** Avoid touching the front of the mask. Only touch the ear loops
- 2** Hold both of the ear loops
- 3** Gently lift and remove the mask
- 4** Throw the mask in the designated clinical waste bin (yellow and black bag) or place the mask into a plastic bag and then into your waste bag, if you are going to wear your mask home.
- 5** Clean your hands with hand sanitiser, or soap and water

Do not pull the mask under your chin and do not put it back on