

# Face covering u-turn shows Ministers must listen to workers



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GMB, the union for school staff, says the Government's u-turn on face coverings shows Ministers must learn to listen to workers.

**Karen Leonard, GMB National Officer, said:**



“GMB wrote to the Education Secretary back in mid-July challenging the Government’s position on face coverings in school during the pandemic.

“Schools know social distancing will be extremely difficult and large ‘bubbles’ present a covid-19 risk. All we wanted was for staff who felt the need to wear a mask not to be actively discouraged from doing so.

“The Government appears to be ignoring the science in order to avoid a political hit. Now they’ve performed yet another u-turn.

“It’s time Minister’s learned to listen to the concerns of the school staff who will be instrumental in keeping our schools safe and, importantly, open.”

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