



REAL LIFE TIPS

Many of us parents are concerned about our kids returning to school and being disadvantaged by the new covid mask rules. Make sure you advocate for your child to get the best possible outcomes...

- **Contact the school directly and express your concern and discuss options - don't just rely on the itinerant support teacher or teacher of the deaf.**
- **The school should request that each of your child's teachers remove their mask when teaching so that your child can hear. If some teacher's refuse then it is recommended that they wear the paper surgical masks as they are less muffled. Clear masks are known to fog up!**
 - **Teachers should also be using visual aids as much as possible.**
 - **Encourage your child to use their FM, Roger, Streamline Mic or other aids.**
 - **Your child may still miss out on hearing their friends in the playground or when doing group work. The school can create an EXEMPTION card for your child to carry around so that their friends will not be chastised for removing their masks when communicating with your child. Younger kids could wear an exemption badge.**

Note: the above adjustments are within the [Covid Face Mask Rules](#) but it is important to remind your child to socially distance.

