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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Wearing Face-Coverings in School – Updated Guidance**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement to further ease restrictions from 17 May, the Department for Education has updated its guidance for schools.

As a result of this guidance, and taking into account the measures that we have in place to restrict contact between different groups of students within the school building, from Monday 17 May, face coverings will no longer be required for students in classrooms or communal areas of the school. Face coverings will also no longer be worn by staff in classrooms. Should your child wish to continue to wear a face mask in the classroom, or within the school's communal areas, they will be supported to do so during the ongoing period of restrictions.

Please note that children and young people aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering when travelling on public transport or on dedicated school transport. This does not apply to children and young people who are exempt from wearing face coverings.

All other arrangements in place to reduce the risk of transmission will continue and we ask that you remind your child of the importance of continued social distancing, increased hand washing and twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing. We thank everyone within our school community for playing their part in reducing the risk of spreading coronavirus.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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