

12th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to update you on our Covid-19 safety practices with regard to the changes set out by the government due to take effect from **Monday 17th May**. This update follows the full details found in the 'Easter Changes' letters sent at the end of last term, a copy of which can be found on the Academy website [here](#). This letter contains additional guidance on matters that have been updated recently.

Current face covering guidance

Following the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday the Academy will now no longer require students to wear face covering in school. The full details of the government's decision in regard to this can be found in the most up to date "Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance" available online [here](#). An extract from this document regarding the use of face coverings is detailed below:

From 17 May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in all schools. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. In all schools we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

Any student wishing to continue to wear a face covering in class or around the school will be supported in that decision and not discouraged unless they are wearing it inappropriately.

Please can I remind you that face coverings continue to be needed on public transport in line with the national guidance.

Continued additional measures

Please can I remind parents and carer to continue to support those students doing twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing at home. In the event of a positive case please contact the Academy via the dedicated telephone line.

Please phone **01329 245551** 24 hours a day.

If the phone call cannot be taken then please follow the voicemail instructions. This voicemail is remotely monitored and we will contact you as soon as possible to take further details and support.

I would again like to thank everyone for their continued support in making the school safe for all that attend it and the wider community.

Yours faithfully



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