



14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Face Coverings

Following the government guidance issued earlier this week, face coverings will no longer be required in lessons from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Students may continue to wear face coverings in lessons if they wish to do so.

Students, unless they are exempt, will continue to wear face coverings as they move between lessons and in communal areas. As it is at these times when year group bubbles interact and it is not possible to socially distance.

If your child travels to school using a public or school bus, or taxi, or other form of public transport, they **MUST** still wear face coverings.

If we have an increase in Covid-19 cases we may reinstate face coverings in lessons for a limited time, in line with the new government guidance, as this will help reduce the spread of any secondary infection.

At the start of this week we had confirmation of a single positive case in school requiring several students to isolate due to contact in lessons or on the school bus. This case served as a reminder that the virus remains a risk in our area. As we make this change to face coverings in lessons it is vital that students still appreciate the importance of all the other safety measures we have in place across the school. Students are still expected to complete a lateral flow test twice a week and we ask all families to remain vigilant for the symptoms of the virus.

Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. K. Willingham  
Headteacher