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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Changes to National Guidance on the Wearing of Coverings in Schools**

On Monday 10 May 2021 the Department for Education (DfE) updated the Government Guidance regarding the wearing of face coverings in schools. This guidance now states that from Monday 17 May 2021 it is no longer necessary for students in secondary schools to wear a face covering and that school staff are now only expected to wear a face covering in communal areas and corridors where social distancing cannot be achieved, although we will support any of our staff who choose to continue to wear a face covering.

This means that from Monday 17 May 2021 your child will no longer need to wear a face covering in school. However, if they wish to continue to do so in corridors and communal areas, then, of course, they may.

Please be aware that other control measures, including additional cleaning, hand washing/sanitising and year group 'bubbles' will remain in place in school in line with national and DfE guidance and in line with the school's revised COVID risk assessment that can be found on our website.

Yours sincerely



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