

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the government announcement this week, we will be making the following changes to our Risk Assessment in relation to face coverings ([new school guidance](#)).

Face coverings

I want to start by saying how resilient and compliant all of our pupils have been and they have adjusted well to the requirement of wearing face coverings in classrooms since March. The guidance on face coverings in education has been amended to reflect that, from 17th May, the wearing face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas and we will cease to enforce it. **However, I would like to recommend that we continue to wear masks as before until May half term, after which we will review this. You will be aware that there are still cases within our community and we wish to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible.**

Face coverings will be worn by staff and visitors in situations within/outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible.

Importantly, the guidance also says that, *"The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, pupils or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern."* We will continue to monitor this and advise parents as appropriate if the situation changes.

**Face coverings on buses are still compulsory and this will be enforced and it is an expectation that if your child travels to and from school on a school bus or public transport, then they need to be wearing a face covering.**

All other measures in our risk assessment remain the same at this time.

I would like you thank all pupils, parents and staff for their support during this time and as we move forward with some positivity and look forward to some semblance of normality very soon.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gabbi  
Principal