

13 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

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

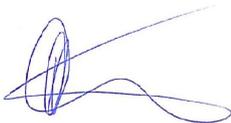
On Monday, 10 May 2021 the Department for Education (DfE) updated its guidance to schools regarding the wearing of face coverings in schools. This guidance now states that from Monday, 17 May 2021 it is no longer necessary for students in secondary schools to wear a face covering and that school staff are now only expected to wear a face covering in communal areas and corridors where social distancing can not 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 wear a face covering 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.

You should note that Directors of Public Health may decide to take additional steps to further reduce the risk of transmission in areas where cases are high or increasing and may advise the reintroduction of face coverings in school. This may include face coverings in communal areas and/or classrooms for both students and staff. I will inform you immediately if this becomes the case.

Yours faithfully,



**Rob Southern**  
**Head of School**