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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

Yesterday, in line with the change in government measures, we informed students that they are no longer expected to wear face coverings in classrooms. If students wish to continue wearing face coverings, that is fine.

Since September, we have asked all members of our school community to wear face coverings inside all communal areas. We made this decision as part of our risk assessment aimed at mitigating against the spread of COVID-19. Along with lateral flow testing, promotion of good hygiene and ventilation of classrooms and corridors, it is a practical thing we can do to minimise the risk of infection and the associated absence from school of both staff and students.

We continue to expect staff and students to wear face coverings in all inside communal areas except classrooms.

As the Health Secretary has noted, the removal of government measures does not mean the end of COVID-19. It continues to affect the health of staff and students and disrupts students' education.

These measures remain appropriate to our context and the rates of COVID-19 infection within the school. We will continue to keep this decision under review and will of course inform you when we feel it is appropriate to remove any of these mitigations.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Lewis

Head Teacher

