



14 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. I wanted to provide two updates.

Face Coverings

As part of the government's move to Step 3 of the roadmap, from Monday 17 May, new advice applies to the use of face coverings by staff, pupils and students in schools and further education in England. The Government guidance can be found here, [guidance on face coverings](#).

From Monday 17th May, face coverings will be optional for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools and FE providers. Face coverings will also be optional for staff in classrooms.

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern, generally this will be advised by our local Public Health Team but there may be times when the school advises pupils and staff to wear masks due to positive cases in the school. Therefore, children are asked to bring masks to school with them, but keep them in their bags.

We need to remind students and families that many rules regarding the wearing of face coverings outside school, for example, in and around shops and on public transport to and from school still remain.

Activities Week.

We are delighted to be offering our Activities Week again this year in July, this will be for all students from Years 7-10. Our activity days will be Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July, Wednesday 21st July and Thursday 22nd July.

Each year group will have one day for a dedicated whole year group activity that will take place in or around school with no cost to the student. For the remaining three days, students will need to select activities from the range of activities outlined in their booklet. We are delighted to offer students a variety of exciting activities that include both trips as well as in-school activities.



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An email will be sent to you via School Gateway with a link to an online options form, which you should complete and submit **by Wednesday 19th May 2021**. A paper copy will be sent home via your son or daughter if you are not registered on School Gateway. If your form is submitted/handed in after the deadline, please be aware that you may not get your preferred choices

As always, do let us know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Paul Skipp
Headteacher

