



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Following yesterday's Government announcement about face coverings in schools and the relaxing of other restrictions I wanted to let you know about our school precautions.

Face Coverings in Classrooms

This morning (Thursday 20th January) we have let students know that face coverings in lessons are now optional. Students can therefore make an individual choice as to whether to wear one or not. Whilst the guidance issued to schools allows us to do this, it is also important to remember that national case numbers are still high, and if we see case rates rise significantly in school we may have to re-introduce them.

Face Coverings in Communal Area

Currently, we are still asking students to wear face coverings inside communal areas such as corridors. The request will be in place until next Thursday 27th January, when we expect local Directors of Public Health to make their recommendations to schools.

At the end of next week, we will be reviewing all our precautions. This week and next week, assemblies will still continue on-line and we will have extended time in Tutor Groups rather than Morning Welcome. However, all these aspects will be reviewed for the week beginning Monday 31st January.

Please can I remind you of the importance of ensuring your child administers a Lateral Flow Test every Monday and Thursday. This routine really does support in keeping case rates as low as possible within school.

As always, balancing precautions along with providing our students the very best education will continually be revised and reviewed.

If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Kind regards,

Paul Skipp
Headteacher