



Dear Parent/Carer

17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

I hope that you continue to be safe and well.

You will undoubtedly be aware of the Prime Minister's recent announcement that students no longer need to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas from **Monday 17th May 2021**.

Whilst everybody will have an opinion as to whether this is the right decision or not, we need to carefully consider our next steps as a Davison community who have worked brilliantly together to keep each other as safe as possible. I have to say that I am really proud of the way in which our students have all accepted the rules, that we have had to put in place for the good of our whole community, over the last year or so. With this in mind, I have requested that students work to the following from Monday 17th May:

**Classrooms:**

- There is no longer a requirement for students to use face coverings in lessons. Your daughter is very welcome to continue to wear a face covering, until further notice, if she would feel safer or less anxious in doing so.
- I have requested that students do wear a face covering when entering a classroom. The face covering can be removed when your daughter takes her seat, if she would like to, or she can continue to wear it as mentioned above.

**Corridors and communal areas:**

- I would respectfully ask that students continue to wear face coverings for the small amount of time taken to move around indoor parts of the school. I know that this is no longer recommended by the Government but it does help us all to remain as safe as possible when moving around narrow corridors which have very little ventilation. Our students have done this brilliantly for many months now and I am confident that both staff and students can all keep this going. Face coverings can be taken off, when students are seated at their desks or arrive outdoors.

**Outdoors:**

- Students are requested to leave indoor areas at the first opportunity and enjoy the fresh air. There is no request to use face coverings outdoors when moving around the school.
- Please bear in mind that all safety procedures such as hand-washing/sanitising etc. will remain in place.

**Exemptions:**

- Please reassure your daughter that she can continue to follow her current arrangements, regarding the use of face coverings, if she is medically exempt or has been authorised to work to a different policy within school.

Finally, thank you all, so much, for everything you have done to support our school community through these most difficult times. I really hope that we can all enjoy the very slow return to normality, over the remaining weeks and months, with no repeat of the essential adaptations to life that we have all had to make.

Yours faithfully

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