

11th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update to the use of face coverings in schools

As you will be aware, the Academy has been operating in line with Government guidance in regard to the wearing of face coverings. Currently all students and staff are expected to wear a face mask when inside the building. We recognise that this has been a tough requirement of our students, but I am delighted with the maturity that they have shown with this issue.

Yesterday, the Government outlined the next phase of the 'roadmap'. Hence, I write to inform you that from Monday 17th May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. It is advised that face coverings will still be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

Whilst students will no longer be required to wear a face covering, please note that their reintroduction may be advised for temporary periods in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. I will communicate with you should this need arise.

All other adaptations to the Academy remain in place (staggered start/finish times, dedicated entrance/exits, bubbled year group areas etc).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate our school community through this challenging time.

Yours sincerely



Mr Mark Boughey
Principal