

Friday, 14 May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As a result of reduced circulation of coronavirus and the successful vaccination programme, the Department for Education have confirmed that face coverings will no longer be compulsory on the school site for students. This change takes effect from Monday 17 May.

Students will no longer be required to wear face coverings in class or in communal areas and they will not be expected to have them with them every day. Should your child wish to continue to wear a face covering at school, including in class, they are permitted to do so.

Staff will still be required to wear face coverings in spaces where social distancing cannot be maintained. This does not include the classroom - all of our teachers maintain a safe 2m distance.

The DFE have advised that 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.

Thank you for your support for the use of face coverings in school. Our students have been very compliant with this measure despite the challenges of communication that they present.

For further information, please see the coronavirus area of our [website](#).

Yours faithfully,



James Hadley
Headteacher