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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that the guidance has changed regarding secondary school students wearing masks in school, with effect from Monday 17 May. We would like to confirm that, in accordance with this guidance, students will no longer be required to wear face masks within school. Our teaching staff and support staff will not have to wear face masks in classrooms, but will continue to wear them in communal spaces and when transitioning around the school where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Whilst this is no longer a requirement, it is important for us to support students and staff who are more comfortable wearing a face mask in classrooms and around the school. As part of tutor time on Monday, we will, therefore, be making students aware of the reasons for this and the fact that some people will feel more secure wearing a mask; we would appreciate you reiterating the message that this is now a personal choice and should be respected.

We will be continuing to ask the students to use the hand sanitiser provided around school.

There remains an expectation that any students using public transport should continue to comply with the national guidance regarding face masks.

At this time, may I also take the opportunity to advise you that, from Monday 17 May, the students will not be permitted to wear their coats in the classrooms; we permitted this during the winter months as windows had to remain open for ventilation. Whilst we will continue to have windows open, as part of our continuing Covid-19 protocols, the weather is now warm enough to revert back to the normal school uniform rules.

Yours faithfully



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