



13 May 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Changes to COVID related safety measures in school

You may be aware that on Monday 10 May, the prime minister announced further relaxations of restrictions as the prevalence of the virus continues to fall and the take up of the vaccine continues to accelerate. This was followed by the publication of [updated guidance to schools](#). We have reviewed the guidance and our own risk assessment and, as a result, we will be making a small number of adjustments. Our updated risk assessment can be found [here](#).

From 17 May:

- We will no longer require students to wear face coverings during lessons in classrooms (they remain optional);
- Students should continue to wear face coverings at other times when inside the school building (e.g. in the corridors between lessons, assemblies, on the way to collect their lunch etc);
- Face coverings should be removed when outside.

Other control measures will remain in place, including:

- Organising the operation of the school according to year group “bubbles”;
- Staggered breaks, lunches, starts and ends of the day;
- Asking all members of the school community to conduct twice weekly home testing, reporting the outcome to both the NHS track and trace service and the school;
- Conducting contact tracing in the event of a positive case among the school community;
- Increased ventilation across the school;
- Regular hand sanitising;
- Wiping down tables and workspaces at the end of every lesson;
- Enhanced cleaning regime.

Students should continue to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. Students should continue to wear face coverings when using public transport (this remains a legal requirement). These adjustments are supported by the staff team and are a measured response to the changing context.

Please can I remind parents, if your child is showing symptoms of Coronavirus or if your child has a lateral flow test result which is positive, you **must not** send them into school. You should book a full PCR test (do not use the Lateral Flow home tests). Please inform the school as soon as possible as we will conduct a contact tracing exercise.

Full guidance can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

The good news is that we have now gone several weeks without a member of our school community testing positive for Corona virus, but we will not be complacent. We will always put safety first and we will continue to review our risk assessment and the measures we have in place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr A Johnson', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

**Mr A Johnson**  
Headteacher