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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Changes to National Guidance on the Wearing of Coverings in Schools

PRIMARY SCHOOLS - On Monday, 10 May 2021 the Department for Education (DfE) updated its guidance to schools regarding the wearing of face coverings in schools. This guidance now states that from Monday, 17 May 2021 it is no longer necessary for students in secondary schools to wear a face covering and that school staff are now only expected to wear a face covering in communal areas and corridors where social distancing can not be achieved, although we will support any of our staff who choose to continue to wear a face covering.

This means that from Monday, 17 May 2021 staff will no longer be expected to wear a face covering in classrooms, but will continue to wear them when moving around the school and in dining and communal areas.

ALL - Please be aware that other control measures, including additional cleaning, hand washing/sanitising and class 'bubbles' will remain in place in school in line with national and DfE guidance and in line with the school's revised COVID risk assessment that can be found on our website.

Yours faithfully

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