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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing you update you with the recent changes in guidance. We have really enjoyed having students back and they have returned remarkably well. We are starting to see school become a little more like "normal".

Students have adapted to the testing regime and the wearing of face coverings fantastically well. However, as part of the government's move to Step 3 of the roadmap; from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, new advice applies to the use of face coverings by students in schools. Our guidance on face coverings has been updated to reflect these changes.

Face coverings will **no longer be required for students** in classrooms or communal areas, however a student may choose to continue to wear one if they feel this is appropriate.

Face coverings will 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).

Please be advised that the Government guidance is clear that the 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.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Rayner Headteacher