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Dear parents, carers and pupils

After the announcement of changes to face mask rules made last Wednesday, we have taken our time to examine the full detail of the revised national guidance as well as guidance from the local public health team.

We would like to share the changed rules for pupils wearing face coverings in school. Going forward and until half term, face masks do not have to be worn by pupils in classrooms. Pupils may make a personal choice to wear a mask should they wish to, and staff may continue to wear face masks too, again through personal choice.

Pupils will continue to be asked to wear face coverings in communal areas, including corridors and food queues, as per the national guidance. They should also continue to wear masks on school transport.

Rates of Covid-19 remain high in the community. It is important to note that face masks could return for all pupils throughout the school as a targeted measure within our Outbreak Management Plan. If this happens it will be in response to rising case numbers and in consultation with Public Health England.

A link to the most recent Covid-19 guidance for parents and carers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

We would like to thank all parents, carers, pupils, and staff for their continued support.

Yours sincerely

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