



27<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

From today the Government have stated that students should no longer be required to wear face coverings in communal areas. It has always been our position that we did not enforce this measure but asked for a high degree of compliance out of consideration for others. I have reviewed the local case data that has been supplied to me and other headteachers earlier this week and met with our COVID committee yesterday afternoon to review the implications for our staff and students.

As a result, we will no longer ask students to wear face coverings in communal spaces from today. However, we will support any staff or student who wishes to continue wearing a face covering within corridors or lessons. Students will still be required to wear a face covering on school transport.

We will continue to review the local infection rates very carefully. If we feel that any changes to restrictions are required, we will communicate these to you promptly.

In the meantime, could I ask you to continue with the Lateral Flow testing frequency on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. The best way to protect each other is to prevent the infection coming into the college and your support with testing thus far is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Simon Warburton  
Principal