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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As lockdown restrictions across the country will be eased from Monday 17th May, the Department for Education have updated their guidance for schools. We wanted to write to you to explain the changes that are taking place in schools and for your child.

In the updated guidance, the hierarchy of controls remain largely the same. This means that in school, pupils will still be expected to spend the majority of the time with their year groups and will continue to follow our enhanced hygiene expectations (such as regular hand washing and sanitising). As an academy, we will continue to maintain the control measures that are currently in place.

The main change to the guidance is regarding face coverings. From Monday 17th May, the guidance states that face coverings are no longer recommended for pupils in classrooms or in communal areas. We are therefore making the wearing of face coverings **optional for pupils** in school. This includes in classrooms, on corridors and in communal areas. Pupils who travel to school by public transport should continue to wear face coverings whilst on the bus or train.

Pupils who are exempt from wearing face coverings are no longer required to wear a blue badge, however, we do ask that pupils retain the badge as the guidance advises that face coverings may be reintroduced in response to a localised outbreak.

We still ask that you continue to be vigilant and if your child, or another member of your household, displays symptoms of coronavirus, or test positive using a lateral flow test, we ask that you do not send your child to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Panayiotou
Executive Headteacher

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Mrs D Cook
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