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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the latest government guidance, from **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022**, there is **no longer a requirement for pupils or staff to wear face coverings in lessons**. Pupils will still have the option to wear a face covering in lessons, if this is something that parents/carers would prefer.

The Department for Education have indicated that, from **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**, it will no longer be necessary for pupils to wear a face covering in communal areas. I will keep you updated if this situation changes.

**Until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, pupils should **continue to wear face coverings on corridors and in social areas**, where it is not easy to maintain social distancing. If your child is exempt, they should continue to wear their blue badge until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

#### Testing and self-isolation

The government have recently updated the guidance on self-isolation and testing. If your child displays classic Covid-19 symptoms such as a high temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell then you should book a PCR test and isolate. Lateral flow tests can be used for asymptomatic testing. If your child receives a positive result from a lateral flow test they do not need to book a PCR test and should isolate from the date the test was taken.

#### Isolation

The government guidance remains that those who test positive (on an LFT or a PCR) should isolate for 10 days. However, those who test negative (and are well) on two consecutive days from day 5 no longer need to isolate and can return to school. Those who test positive should continue to isolate until day 10. If your child tests positive on day 10, there is no requirement to isolate and they can return to school.

Asymptomatic testing remains important, for those who take part in testing, kits are available from the academy. Please put a note in your child's planner if you require additional test kits.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr W Bush  
Headteacher

