

10th April 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter bank holiday weekend and that students are looking forward to returning to school after the Easter holiday. I wanted to write to inform parents and carers that, following the Government review over Easter of the guidance regarding face coverings in classrooms, we will continue to require students to wear face coverings in classrooms, unless exempt or in other situations, such as PE lessons and outside, as was the case for the latter part of last term.

A copy of the Department for Education statement on Face Coverings in Education is given below. The Government have indicated the requirement for face coverings to be worn in classrooms will no longer be required after phase 3 of the roadmap, which will be no earlier than 17th May.

I would like to thank students for their ongoing compliance in this area and we look forward to the gradual easing of restrictions in line with the government roadmap.

Department for Education Update on Face Coverings in Education: Tuesday 6th April

Face coverings in schools and colleges to remain in place

The government has today, Tuesday 6 April, confirmed that [face coverings](#) should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break.

This cautious approach will help limit the risk of transmission and enable continued monitoring of the effect of school and college returns, as twice weekly testing is established and embedded in pupil's routines.

It is expected that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas, at Step 3 of the roadmap, which will be no earlier than Monday 17 May. At that point the next stage of easements, including increased social contact indoors, will be confirmed following a review of the latest data on infection and vaccination rates. It will also allow time for the vaccination programme to reach everyone in priority groups one to nine with their first dose before any change is committed.

Yours sincerely



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