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Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to National Guidance on the Wearing of Face Coverings in Schools

You may be aware that on Monday it was announced that a number of COVID measures would be eased, including the wearing of face coverings in school for students. However, despite the change to the national guidance, we have been informed locally that the COVID-19 rates remain notably above the national rates and, as such, have received advice from Andy Lancashire, Service Director for Education and Inclusion at Wakefield Council, that **students should continue to wear a face covering when moving around the school in corridors and in communal areas.**

Whilst we had all been looking forward to the relaxation of the wearing of face coverings in school, we also recognise the expert medical advice for our local area and, therefore, ask that your child continues to bring a face covering to school, until we are notified of a fall in COVID-19 infection rates. We will write to you again at that point to confirm that face coverings are no longer needed.

Please be aware that other control measures, including additional cleaning, hand washing/sanitising and year group 'bubbles' will remain in place in school in line with national and DfE guidance and in line with the school's revised COVID risk assessment that can be found on our website.

Now that we are moving further into the summer term please note that after the May half term break the wearing of non academy clothing items (for example, jumpers which are not specific academy uniform and the wearing of coats inside the building etc) will **not** be allowed. Please also remember that only a normal wristwatch is allowed (it must not connect to the internet, phone etc), no other jewellery is allowed. That hair must be a natural colour, nail varnish and false nails are not permitted and that any make up must be very discrete.

Our academy remains a mobile free zone. Students who need to contact home must do so via SID. Students who choose to use their phone, for whatever reason, will have their phone confiscated for an adult to collect.

Thank you for working with us during this time.

Yours faithfully



Lisa Allott
Principal

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