



Headteacher: Mr H Kutty BA Hons

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Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

I write as a follow up to my letter dated 27th of January, where I wrote to ask our community; staff and students, to continue to wear face coverings in all areas of the school. We took this decision for three reasons:

1. A high rate of COVID-19 infections in education settings within our City that was not falling.
2. Whilst rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases in school were down, the overall trajectory was not yet on a downward curve.
3. The number of young people absent from school, waiting for a PCR test result, was higher than the previous week.

Having analysed the most recent data and public health information, I can confirm that in all areas there has been an improvement.

As a result, we have taken the decision to make the wearing of face coverings optional in all areas of the school. This 'graduated' approach has been taken to ensure we meet the needs of staff and young people who will be anxious about removing face coverings immediately after it has been a facet of our daily lives for so long. I have also asked our Year Leaders to reach out to young people who may be feeling anxious about not wearing a face covering so that appropriate support, advice and guidance can be given.

I appreciate the decision to make the use of face coverings optional may feel premature for some but for others well overdue. Please rest assured the decision has been made considering several variables and I am confident this is the right decision for our community.

We will continue to monitor the data and public health information on a weekly basis and will make changes when and where appropriate.

I will be speaking to our students about this decision on Monday morning.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Warmest Regards,

Harry Kutty
Headteacher

