



Covid Update- facemasks

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are no doubt aware, the government yesterday announced changes to the National Guidance around their Plan B restrictions. It is worth reminding ourselves that the government changes are guidance/recommendation only and all institutions and work places have the right to set their own expectations and rules in line with what they think is best for their community.

Throughout the pandemic, we have always adhered to government guidance as a minimum and more often exceeded the basic recommendations. I do not intend to change this strategy at this time, as I believe this has played a significant role in our experience of having relatively low cases of COVID in our school community since the pandemic began.

This means that for now we will continue with our current Risk Assessment, which includes facemasks being worn inside the buildings in both communal areas and lessons whilst we reassess the situation in a measured way.

We will use the next week to review our risk assessment at both school and Trust level, and decide a sensible timeline for moving to reduced restrictions assuming the green shoots of positive data continue to grow.

As parent/carers, you have been fantastically supportive of the school over the last two years, as we have dealt with the changes and re-evaluations required throughout the different COVID waves. We have shared the above information with students this morning who also have been committed to playing their part in keeping the school as safe as possible. I ask that you remind them of the importance of following our expectations for now in the knowledge that we might over the coming weeks be able to ease them.

Yours sincerely

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