



## Face Coverings / Masks and Lateral Flow Testing in school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Face coverings / masks in school

On Monday 10 May, the [Prime Minister announced](#) that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17 May. The most significant message for schools from this announcement is the advice relating to the wearing of face coverings. Please see the link below.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/984846/FINAL\\_Face\\_coverings\\_in\\_education\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/984846/FINAL_Face_coverings_in_education_guidance.pdf)

In light of this advice, **from Monday 17 May 2021**

- Students will have the choice to continue to wear face coverings / masks in classrooms, corridors, and social communal spaces, however wearing these will not be compulsory as is currently the case.
- Students will be expected to continue to wear masks on buses whilst travelling to and from school.
- Staff will continue to wear face coverings / masks whilst moving around corridors and whilst in communal spaces including work rooms and offices.
- If staff can maintain 2 metre distancing in classrooms from students, masks can be removed. Movement around the classroom / teaching environment where closer proximity is necessary, will require staff to wear a face covering.
- If there is a change to the local landscape in terms of an increase in reported positive Covid-19 cases, a decision may be taken to re-instate current rules regarding the wearing of face coverings / masks.

### Lateral flow devices for students for home testing

Thank you for continuing to complete home Covid-19 testing with your children using the LFD tests. Students have been issued with their next box of tests. Please ensure that they are stored safely at home. Whilst cases are low in the local area, it remains very important to keep testing and reporting the test outcomes.

### Reporting results

As a reminder, here are the links:

- Report to NHS Test and Trace at: [Click Here](#)

Thank you for all your support in encouraging your child to attend school regularly in full school uniform. We remain optimistic about seeing an end to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and routines in school in the near future. However, until this time is confirmed, we will continue to be vigilant in following control measures in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Wishing you all the very best.

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