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Dear Parent/Guardian

Update to face coverings in education settings guidance

As part of the government's move to Step 3 of the roadmap, from Monday 17th May, new advice applies to the use of face coverings by staff and students in schools and further education settings in England. Our guidance on face coverings has been updated on the website to reflect these changes.

In summary:

- Face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas.
- Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms.
- In all schools we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).
- Face coverings must be worn on school buses and all other public transport.
- Twice weekly testing at home will continue.

We will continue to follow government guidance and review our protocols over the coming weeks as we see the impact of the wider relaxing of Covid rules in the community.

Yours sincerely,

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