

6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent,

**Re: Face Coverings**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, the Government updated its guidance with regard to [Face Coverings](#). The key points are summarised below.

- As per the arrangements in the Autumn and Spring Term, the Government continues to **recommend** that staff and pupils wear a face covering when **moving around the Academy site** and in **communal areas** where social distancing cannot be easily maintained.
- As per the arrangements in the Autumn and Spring Term, staff and pupils are **not** required to wear a face covering **outside** or **when eating food in outdoor or indoor communal areas**.
- As per the arrangements from 8<sup>th</sup> March, the Government continues to **recommend** that **pupils** wear a face covering in the **classroom** where social distancing cannot be easily maintained, although it expects that face coverings will **no longer be recommended from 17<sup>th</sup> May** and will confirm arrangements with one week's notice.
- Pupils will continue to be issued (free of charge) with **five disposable** face coverings per week.
- Staff will continue to take a **common-sense** approach i.e. remind and encourage pupils to wear a face covering and respect those who are exempt under the [Face Coverings Exemptions](#) guidance.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal