



19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Students and Parents and Carers,

I do hope you are well and were able to enjoy the good weather and some much needed downtime with your families over the Easter break.

Looking ahead, we plan to make a strong start to the summer term and will be supporting our young people to be their best selves. With students in all years preparing for their end of year assessments, everyone at school will be focussed on ensuring our young people have every chance to be successful.

In my email to you before the holidays, I mentioned that I would update you regarding face coverings once the Government had made its position clear. For the immediate future, the Government has announced that the rules on face coverings remain as before and students will be expected to wear them in class and around school unless they are exempt.

It is expected that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas, at Step 3 of the roadmap, **which will be no earlier than Monday 17th May**. At that point the next stage of easements, including increased social contact indoors, will be confirmed following a review of the latest data on infection and vaccination rates.

All changes will be confirmed with one week's notice and all other safety measures will remain in place, including regular asymptomatic testing, smaller group bubbles, increased hygiene, ventilation, and social distancing where possible.

Thank you for your continued support as we do our best to keep everyone safe. Please remember to keep an eye on our website to see all the exciting activities going on at school.

Very best wishes,

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