

13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May revised guidance was issued by the Department for Education on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, which confirmed that it is no longer necessary to recommend the additional precautionary face covering measures put in place from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, face coverings will no longer be recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas in all schools. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. In all schools it is recommended 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).

If your child wishes to continue to wear a facemask in school then they may do so.

The reintroduction of face coverings for students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.

Students aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering on public transport. In accordance with advice from PHE, they must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school. This does not apply to children and young people who are exempt from wearing face coverings.

In accordance with the Department for Education guidance we intend to continue with the following actions:

- Enhanced cleaning/sanitising of hands
- Promote good respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning throughout the site

We are all very pleased with how mature our students have been both throughout the on-site testing and in the home testing. The home testing is something that we have each had to build into our routines in the hope that in doing so protects others.

The Department for Education has confirmed that home testing will continue up to the end of the academic year which for Wellfield is 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. I would like to encourage all students to continue the twice weekly testing on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and to remind you that your result must be reported to **NHS Test and Trace** and to school via the 'pop up' on the school website.

Test kits will continue to be issued to students every three weeks.

Yours faithfully



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