



**MANCHESTER  
CITY COUNCIL**

**Children and Families**

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Dear Students,

Earlier this year we wrote to schools and colleges in Manchester asking them to keep face coverings in corridors and shared areas for a while longer. This was because infection rates were very high in our city, especially in our schools and wearing a face covering is an effective way to help reduce the spread of the virus. We also wanted to reduce any disruption to your learning so you could fully enjoy and take part in school and other activities.

Thanks to the part you played in following the advice and guidance, Covid-19 cases have now started to fall, and we are now able to end this advice. After the half-term break, face coverings will no longer be required in schools.

However, while school will begin to look more normal after half term, we must all continue to work together to keep safe and well. Make sure you test regularly, wash your hands regularly and let fresh air in, especially when you spend time indoors with people you don't live with. If you've not already, please think about getting the COVID-19 vaccination. The vaccine protects young people from getting seriously unwell from the virus and everyone aged 12 and over is now eligible to get vaccinated either through their school programme or at a local clinic.

The last two years have been especially tough for children and young people in Manchester and it's great to see a gradual return to normality so you can benefit from new experiences, opportunities, events to help you reclaim your futures.

Thank you again and we hope you enjoy a well-deserved break over half-term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Regan".

**David Regan**  
**Director of Public Health**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Corcoran".

**Amanda Corcoran**  
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