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MASK UPDATE – 18th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Government announced in January that face coverings would no longer be required in secondary classrooms. Following Tameside Public Health Advice our risk assessment will be updated to reflect this change from Monday 28th February.

Therefore, after the half-term break boys will no longer be directed to wear face coverings on the school site. The guidance does make it clear that face coverings in secondary classrooms could be reintroduced in specific areas where case rates are high. As such, we will all need to maintain vigilance and be ready to reintroduce the requirement to wear face coverings in school at any time.

Given our boys may still be required to wear face coverings in other settings, it makes sense for them to still be part of their essential equipment. In addition, as a school we will offer flexibility to pupils and staff who wish to continue wearing a face covering, even where the guidance no longer requires it. We are particularly supportive of families who may be concerned, or potentially at a higher risk of severe illness. If by wearing a face covering it may help them to operate with greater confidence within the school environment, we will support that choice.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Owens