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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Government has announced that face coverings will no longer be required in secondary classrooms from 17 May. Our risk assessment has been updated to reflect this. Boys will therefore no longer be directed to wear face coverings on the school site from Monday. All other arrangements introduced regarding Covid protocols remain in place, in particular personal hygiene responsibilities and testing.

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 will still be required to wear face coverings in other settings, to and from school, such as shops or on public transport, 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
Headteacher