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Dear Parent/Carer

You may have seen in the news today that as of tomorrow (20th January), face masks will no longer need to be worn in classrooms. It is expected that there will shortly be guidance to say that this will also apply to communal/crowded areas. Our indoor communal spaces are few and far between and nearly all of the time we spend between lessons is outside. The time that students spend in the corridors is far below the threshold for a close contact and would never be reported as such to track and trace. For this reason, we will not be asking students to wear a mask for the very short time they would move through the main corridors.

As before, any student or member of staff that wants to continue to wear a mask can do so and please rest assured that we will be continuing with our COVID routines in school as we remain vigilant.

You will be aware that the isolation rules have also changed. To remind you, people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6. It is crucial that people isolating with COVID-19 wait until they have received 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests on 2 consecutive days to reduce the chance of still being infectious.

Hopefully this diagram will make this clear:



Isolating students will continue to join Google Meet live lessons if they are well enough. It looks like more updates will follow regarding masks on transport, so watch this space!

Thank you so much for your continued support.

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