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Dear parent/carers

Re: Face coverings – changes to guidance.

As part of the government's move to Step 3 of the COVID Road Map, new advice applies to the use of face coverings by staff, visitors and students in schools and Further Education settings in England.

From Monday 17 May 2021, face coverings are no longer recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas. At TDA, students who wish to continue wearing a mask, in lessons and in communal areas, are free to do so.

Be advised that students, who travel by school or public transport, must continue to wear a face mask on their journey to and from the Academy.

Face coverings are also no longer recommended for staff in classrooms. However, at TDA we are requiring staff to continue to wear a face mask where a two-meter distance cannot be maintained in a classroom setting. We will review this in line with further government advice over the coming weeks. In addition, staff and visitors must continue to wear a face mask when in indoor communal spaces, corridors and when social distancing cannot be maintained. Masks may be removed in meeting situations where two-meter social distancing can be maintained.

All other protective measures will remain in place, including:

- Students, staff and visitors should maintain a social distance, as far as possible.
- Students, staff, and visitors must sanitise their hands regularly.
- Students, staff and visitors must observe good respiratory hygiene.
- Rooms will be well ventilated when in use. Windows and doors will remain open.
- Our year group bubble approach will remain in place.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards

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Principal