

Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents/Carers

At the beginning of the school year we wrote to you to request that you wear a face covering to pick up and drop off your child at school. As local and national COVID-19 infection rates reduce, and with the ongoing success of the vaccination programme, we have now reached a stage where we deem it safe enough to not request wearing face coverings at pick-ups and drop offs.

We want to thank you for your hard work in sticking to the national and local guidance, by wearing your face covering when appropriate, social distancing and washing your hands regularly. It is thanks to this hard work that we can safely see our friends and family and keep schools and businesses open.

We would like to remind parents that whilst restrictions change, vigilance is key to ensuring the easing of restrictions is done so in a safe way. Our recommendations will continue to be reviewed and updated based on the latest guidance and data. We are still recommending that social distancing at the school gate and regular hand washing for yourselves and your children should continue, this helps to reduce the risk of transmission. These measures help to keep your family and school community safe.

If anyone in the household displays symptoms of COVID-19, it is important that they seek a test immediately, and the household isolate. About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms, asymptomatic testing helps to catch these cases and protect your community. Children in secondary school have access to twice-weekly asymptomatic testing through school. Parents can also access regular asymptomatic testing through their employer, a local test site, or by ordering tests to use at home. More details are found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Yours sincerely



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