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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government's announcement on Monday that step three of the roadmap will go ahead as planned from Monday 17 May, students will no longer be required to wear face coverings in school as per the information below:

Update to face coverings in education settings guidance

As part of the government's move to Step 3 of the roadmap, from Monday 17 May, new advice applies to the use of face coverings by staff, pupils and students in schools and further education in England. Our [guidance on face coverings](#) has been updated to reflect these changes.

Face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools and FE providers. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. In all schools and FE providers, we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission. The Local Action Committee structure (Bronze/Silver/Gold) should be used in such circumstances to re-introduce the use of face coverings. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local Directors of Public Health to advise on.

In addition to this change, we will no longer require long hair to be tied back, other than in practical subjects.

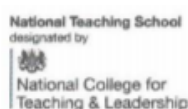
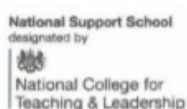
As per current COVID-19 guidelines and our whole school risk assessment, all other protective measures such as ventilation and social distancing where possible will remain in place. We ask that all students and staff continue with twice weekly rapid testing to continue to help find and isolate asymptomatic cases when they do occur.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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Mrs D Ritchie
Acting Head of School



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