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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. As you know the Government has updated national COVID guidance. A summary of the main changes affecting our school is given below:

### Face Coverings

- We are no longer asking students to wear face coverings in classrooms. However, any students who wish to continue to wear them will be supported in doing so.
- The Prime Minister announced that from Thursday 27 January face coverings are no longer required to be worn in communal areas. However, we are waiting for advice from our Local Public Health Team before confirming that this will be the case at St Wilfrid's.

### Ventilation and hand sanitisers

- With the removal of face coverings in classrooms, good ventilation and good hand hygiene remain the biggest mitigation we have to limit the spread of the virus so we will continue to have windows open and students will continue to be asked to sanitise hands on entering and leaving classrooms.

### School Uniform

- From Monday 31 January we will reopen our PE changing rooms. Students are expected to come to school every day in their **full school uniform**. No students should arrive in school wearing their PE kit.

### Changes to isolation periods

- Current guidance is that students can return to school following five full days of isolation if they have had two negative LFD results taken at least 24 hours apart. The earliest date that a student can return to school is therefore **day six of their isolation period**. Should your child need to isolate due to a positive COVID result, work is available on Google Classroom for your child to complete should they feel well enough.

Kind regards

Mrs Ritchie  
Acting Head of School

Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum

