

Dear Parent/carer,

I wanted to write with an update to the guidance that we have received from the Government concerning face coverings.

From 17 May, in line with step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in all schools. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. 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).

We will continue to operate under Covid guidance; students will remain in their year group bubbles in their designated zone. They will enter and exit the school site through the same allocated gates and entrances, and they will follow the same timetable.

Ventilation and hand washing/sanitising are still key. Windows and doors in classrooms will remain open. Twice-weekly testing should continue to take place and the results should be recorded via the NHS Test and Trace app or on the website using the code on your lateral flow test. In the event of a positive test result, please continue to follow national guidelines for isolation and ensure that it is followed-up immediately with a confirmatory PCR test. Any positive test must also be reported by telephone and by emailing info@cowesec.org.

Please also be advised that we are in full support if you would prefer your child to continue to wear a face covering from 17th May.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last few months with ensuring that your child adhered to wearing a face covering properly and in line with government guidance. Every student adapted quickly, sensitively and maturely to the policy, demonstrating what a fantastic community we have at Cowes Enterprise College.

Yours sincerely,



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