



Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware as a school we put in place a number of mitigations in this and last academic year to keep our community safe from catching and spreading COVID-19.

We have implemented the Department of Education and Education Authority directives throughout the past two years and this guidance has now changed. In light of these changes the following will now apply to all students from **Monday the 21st of March;**

- Students do not have to wear a face mask in the classroom for their lessons (if a student wishes to wear a face mask please allow them to do so).
- All students must attend school in full uniform and Key Stage 3 students will no longer be permitted to wear their PE clothing to school on days that they have PE.
- The school will not be purchasing any more face masks for students. Students must bring their own face mask to school if they choose to wear one.
- Students are encouraged to wear a face mask in corridors when moving to and from lessons and in the assembly hall, canteen and on public and school transport.
- The current morning routine for students entering the school building from 8.00am onwards will remain in place and staff supervision for students will continue as per our daily duty rota.
- The hand washing stations for students will no longer be set up in the mornings before school starts, at morning break-time, and at lunch-time. Students are encouraged to follow usual good hygiene practice by washing their hands at home before leaving for school, after they attend the toilet and/or at break-time and lunch-time in the PE toilet wash basin areas.
- Students have been informed of these arrangements by their form tutor.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding in what has been a challenging time. I would very much appreciate your continued support to ensure that we can continue to provide stability for students and return to our pre-pandemic school practices and routines.

Thank you for continued and much appreciated support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Perry - Acting Principal

