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Dear Parents/Carers

Today the Government announced that from tomorrow (Thursday 20 January) facemasks are no longer required in classrooms, however the recommendation remains that they are worn in communal areas until 27 January.

Current infection rates are relatively low in our school and we are keen to take sensible steps forward. We are therefore moving back to our 'restaurant style' policy from tomorrow, this means students will be asked to wear masks when standing or moving around, however they can remove them when seated in a classroom or social area. As before students will not have to wear masks in the following situations;

- When mask exempt
- When outside
- In practical or physical lessons (PE/Dance/DT/Science practical)
- In social areas when seated/not moving around

It is our intention, in line with Government guidance, that there will be no requirement to wear masks anywhere in school from 27 January. As with all previous guidelines students can choose to wear masks at any time if they wish to.

I would like to finish this communication by thanking all students for managing the current situation maturely and responsibly. It is a genuine privilege to work with such fantastic young people who appreciate the need to work together and take these steps when asked. I know it has not been easy for everyone and we appreciate the positive response.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully



Mr C Norwood
Headteacher