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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **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. Their [guidance on face coverings](#) has been updated to reflect these changes.

From next Monday face coverings will no longer be required to be worn by students in their classrooms or in communal areas (indoors or outside). However, as guidance stands, **students are still required to wear a face covering on transport** where they are in close proximity to others not in their bubble.

Face coverings will also no longer be required for staff in their classrooms. However, in all schools and FE providers, the Government continues to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing (at 2 metres) is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

It remains the case that any individual can still choose to wear a face covering, even in situations where they are not required to.

Please note that the reintroduction of face coverings for students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual school settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local Directors of Public Health to advise on.

Kind regards,

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