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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can I start by thanking all of our parents and carers for their support throughout the pandemic and the difficulties this has caused. It has been really fantastic to see the pupils working so hard to achieve and succeed again and, as always, they have risen to the challenges that the new term has brought.

Over the past 6 weeks we have been assessing which systems have worked well and which need to change. Throughout this process we have maintained the wearing of face coverings in communal areas. We have also taken into account the national picture, with regards to the Prime Ministers' latest announcement on the changing guidance from the Government and Public Health, and our local context.

As a result, we want to outline a change that we will be making in the school after returning from our break on Monday 28th February 2022 regarding face coverings. There will be no expectation for any pupils or staff members to wear a face mask throughout the school day. This will also include any visitors who come into school, and will also apply to parents and carers who drop off and collect pupils at the beginning and end of the school day.

We will support those within our community who personally choose to continue to wear a face covering should they wish to do so.

We do appreciate that there may be some anxieties around this, however the guidance has been clear for some time that face coverings are no longer required in schools, and so we feel that the time has come to take the next step in relation to this.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable time over the holiday, spending some well-deserved time together.

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