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Dear Parent/Carer

Updated guidance for schools - face coverings in school

You may be aware that the Prime Minister this week announced changes as part of Step 3 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown and wider restrictions. The full guidance can be found [here](#). There are some important implications for schools in this guidance and this letter details changes to be introduced at Brookfield from next week.

From **Monday 17th May** face coverings will no longer be required for students in classrooms or communal areas. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. Face coverings are required for 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 are aware that this change will cause some anxiety amongst some members of the school community, especially as the threat of the virus still exists. All students may continue to wear face coverings in all areas of the school should they wish to do so.

We recommend that students continue to carry a face covering as these are still required on public transport or when entering a shop etc.

We will continue with our existing control measures in school to help ensure the risk of Covid-19 transmission is minimised. These measures include: hand sanitisers across the school and in classrooms, along with ongoing reminders of the importance of regular hand-washing; teachers maintaining distancing in classrooms; good ventilation throughout the school; one way systems; year group/staggered breaks and lunchtimes; twice weekly lateral flow testing for students and staff; enhanced cleaning within school/sanitisation of surfaces between lessons and minimising the number of visitors to school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Along with extra-curricular clubs which are once again underway, and the prospect of trips and visits in the near future, hopefully this is the next stage on the journey to a fully normal school experience.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Hirst
Headteacher

