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# NORLINGTON SCHOOL and 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM

A SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and yours are well at this time.

Please note the following update from the DfE:

***When to wear a face covering in education.*** As part of the Step 3 roadmap, it has been determined that it is no longer necessary to recommend the additional precautionary face covering measures that we recommended from the 8 March. The decision to lift further restrictions at Step 3 has followed a review of the latest data on infection and vaccination rates.

*From 17 May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools and FE providers. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms.*

*In all schools and FE providers, we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).*

*The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.*

**Therefore, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May;**

- students will no longer need to wear face coverings in school
- students will be allowed to wear masks/face coverings around the building (but not in classrooms) if they wish. As stated previously, these will need to be taken off if requested to do so by a teacher.
- staff will no longer need to wear face coverings in the classroom
- staff and visitors will still need to wear face coverings in communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained
- in very specific and exceptional circumstances, and only with the express agreement of the Principal, students in year 12/13 may be asked to wear masks in certain lessons.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hernandez  
Principal