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Dear Parents / Carers,

Following the recent government guidance, I am writing to inform you of the changes that will take effect as of Monday 17th May.

Notably, facemasks are no longer required to be worn for children or teachers within the classroom. However, if you for any reason would still like your child to wear a mask, then that is fine and is at your discretion.

Please note however that for any student using transport to get to school, facemasks must still be worn for the duration of the journey.

As a result of no longer wearing facemasks, we have taken the decision to allow teachers to return to their subject base and students will therefore no longer remain in the same classroom.

However, as you will be aware, COVID remains a risk and therefore some measures remain in place, and we ask that you speak to your child about the importance of social distancing.

We will continue to operate with a one-way system around the school and we ask that students adhere to this at all times. We also ask that students are patient when in transition around school and that they do not mix with other year groups.

We still request that students wash their hands frequently and sanitisation stations remain in place within each classroom.

We will at this time continue to operate to an amended timetable, whereby lessons will continue to be 50 minutes long, with transitional breaks in between. We have found this model to be successful during this period of restrictions and it will allow us time to ensure that classrooms are clean and ready for the next class.

Students are also expected to have their own equipment at all times and the sharing of equipment is not allowed.

We will continue to main all other precautionary measures, such as ensuring that windows remain open in the classroom to increase ventilation and we ask that you continue to conduct tests at home until further notice.

I would like to thank you for your continued patience and support during what has been a challenging time for everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Rowlands
Headteacher