

FAO: Parents & Carers of Students at Denton Community College

RE: Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

As you may be aware on **Wednesday 19th January 2022**, the Prime Minister announced changes to the existing arrangements regarding the wearing of face coverings in educational settings.

From **Thursday 20th January** (Today) the Department for Education are no longer advising the wearing of face coverings for students, staff and visitors in the classroom. However, face coverings should still be worn by all stakeholders in communal areas and when moving around the school building, unless exempt on medical grounds.

It was also announced that from **Thursday 27th January**, the wearing of face coverings would no longer be advised in any areas of school buildings. However, students and staff are asked to follow any wider, local advice on face coverings outside of school, including local businesses and public transport.

We fully understand if some people feel a little uncertain about these changes, therefore any student, member of staff or visitor who wishes to continue to wear a face covering is more than welcome to do so.

Whilst this is a very positive step forward these remain difficult times and we thank you for your ongoing support, not only in the education of the young people of Denton, but also the safety and wellbeing of all our stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

Greg Rule Headteacher