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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are enjoying the Easter holiday and the opportunity to spend some time with your families.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate that the government has clarified its position on face coverings in secondary schools. The guidance states:

'The government has today, Tuesday 6th April, confirmed that face coverings should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break.'

'It is expected that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas at step 3 of the roadmap, which will be no earlier than 17th May.'

Therefore all pupils (unless holding a medical exemption) should return to school on Monday 19th April with a face covering and we expect them to be worn in all communal areas, classrooms, corridors and buses until at least 17th May. Pupils should continue to ensure that they bring a spare mask in their bag.

Testing will continue for all students twice per week and test kits will be distributed to facilitate this upon our return to school. You should continue to report results in the same way, both to the NHS and to the school via the following links www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result or by telephone to 119 and <u>Click here to record the home test result</u>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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