



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Updated guidance on face coverings**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> January I wrote to you regarding the escalation of COVID-19 restrictions, including (unless medically exempt) the wearing of a face covering whilst in lessons, in addition to wearing one in communal areas of the school where social distancing is difficult to maintain. In the main, pupils responded very well to this request and have been extremely compliant over the course of the past few weeks.

You may have seen the latest Government guidance issued to schools yesterday, **which removes the requirement for pupils to wear a face covering** as stated above. This is a position that our school will move to with immediate effect. As has remained the case throughout the pandemic, your child can still choose to wear a face covering in lessons and when in a communal area, if they feel more comfortable doing so. This choice is also extended to all staff.

I would be grateful if you would support us in ensuring that your child keeps their Wordsley Face Covering in a safe place, in case rates of infections rise again and we need to return to wearing face coverings in school.

Yours sincerely,

**Gareth Burton**  
**Headteacher**

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