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Dear Parent or Carer,

Update Letter- Changes to COVID-19 Control Measures.

As you are hopefully aware, the Government has announced that, from Monday 17th May, some changes have been made to their guidance for schools.

We have taken some time to look at the proposed changes and discussed these with colleagues, governors and families in order that we may take the most appropriate steps for our school community at this time.

Having carefully considered the new guidance, we will be making the following changes with effect from Monday:

- Students will no longer need to wear face coverings while they are in class or in year group 'bubbles' at break and lunch time.
- Students, members of staff and visitors will still be required to wear face coverings in communal areas such as corridors, unless they are exempt.
- Students will still be required to wear face coverings on school or public transport, unless they are exempt.

Individual students and members of staff may continue to wear a face covering in other situations, for example when in class. They will be supported to do so if they so wish.

We believe that the wearing of face masks has played an important part in reducing the spread of COVID-19 within the College and has been overwhelmingly supported by our students since Christmas. Despite this, the wearing of a face covering does have an impact on the delivery of lessons. We are making these changes in order to enhance the delivery of teaching and learning whilst also ensuring that we support our school community, especially those anxious or more vulnerable members, at this time. Although the steps we are taking may represent a more cautious approach to the lifting of restrictions, we believe that this is the correct decision given our current context, the level of concern over variants of the COVID-19 virus and the measures which remain in place in the wider community.

Our other main control measures will remain unchanged and are as follows:

- One-way system for movement around the College.
- Regular hand washing and use of the catch it, bin it, kill it approach.
- Hand sanitisation upon entry to the site and at the start and end of every lesson.
- Sanitisation of work areas by students at the end of every lesson.
- Enhanced cleaning routines by the cleaning contractors.

- Increased ventilation in classrooms and offices.
- Use of seating plans for the tracking of student interactions in lessons.
- Closure of the PE changing rooms.
- Cleaning of equipment in practical subjects.
- Separate year group bubbles at break and lunch.
- Staggered end to the school day.
- Appropriate social distancing wherever possible.

We all have a responsibility to uphold the health and safety precautions which are in place to protect our teachers, peers and families and therefore we expect all members of our community to continue to adhere to our control measures. I am sure that we can continue to rely on the support of your son's or daughter's with this.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to monitor the procedures in operation at the College. As the national picture regarding the spread of COVID-19 continues to evolve, we hope to be able to make further changes to the restrictions we have in place.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this letter please contact your child's Head of House in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Swatton', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Swatton
Principal