



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

A SCIENCE SPECIALIST COLLEGE

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MLR/hr/mask wearing
13th May 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our students have been fantastic at complying with our expectations with regard to mask wearing in school and I thank all parents for reinforcing the importance of working together to keep everyone safe and well.

I am sure that you are aware that government guidance on masks in school has changed. From Monday 17th May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be compulsory for students or staff in classrooms. However, where bubbles cross, the school is asked to make a decision on the best course of action in line with the guidance. St Joseph's College has ample outside space to keep students apart, but social distancing is difficult in corridors and bubbles may cross. We have a number of staff who are still awaiting their first vaccination.

From Monday 17th May:

- All students must bring a mask to school
- Masks will not be required outdoors and may be removed once a student is sitting in a classroom students may wear a mask if they wish
- Masks will still be for lesson changeover in all corridors and public areas indoors
- The timings of the school day will remain in place until at least the end of the academic year
- Students will still need to sanitise their hands regularly and will stay in year group bubbles

I will write to all parents separately with the arrangements for after the half-term break when we will be in a position to further ease some of the restrictions which we have had in place.

Thank you for your continued support – we are very lucky to have students and parents who work so well with the school.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ms M Roberts
Headteacher



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