



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

20th January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the government issued new guidance on face coverings in schools yesterday.

From today, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms. We will inform the students of these changes this morning while also reassuring them that they can continue to wear face coverings in lessons if they wish.

However, the recommendation for face coverings to be worn in communal areas remains in place until Thursday 27th January.

This guidance recommends that face coverings should be worn in indoor communal areas across the Academy by staff, visitors and students unless they are exempt. Communal areas are defined as:

- Corridors and toilets;
- Changing rooms;
- Library;
- 6th Form common room when not eating;
- Restaurants when not eating;
- Assemblies;
- Staff work areas where more than one person is present;
- Reception areas.

The guidance from the DFE on face coverings is as follows;

An update for all education and childcare settings following the Prime Minister's announcement of the end of Plan B

Today, the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January.

In education and childcare settings, this means:

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From tomorrow, Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the spring term as a temporary measure.

From Thursday 27 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Nuttall
Health and Safety Officer

