

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

ref: ESB/WBG

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

**Re: Wearing masks in school**

Despite the government's recent announcement about some relaxation in the mask wearing policy in schools, I am writing to confirm that we will be maintaining the current policy. This means pupils and staff should continue to wear masks in school both in lessons and in communal areas. Pupils who are exempt from this would continue to be so under this policy.

We think that this is a prudent and cautious approach, particularly given the recent rise in transmissions in some areas of the country and we will review this at half term.

The continuation of this policy is supported by unions and professional associations who issued this joint statement earlier in the week:

*"There is a strong case for continuing with the current arrangements and we would therefore recommend that schools and colleges use the flexibility within the new Department for Education (DfE) guidance to actively encourage students and staff in secondary schools and colleges to continue wearing face coverings in classrooms and communal areas – subject to review in the run up to the next step on the national roadmap from 21 June."*

It is also supported by SAGE and is being continued in many other schools.

Thank you in advance for your continued support with this and other measures.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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