



The Sutton Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

14 May 2021

Further guidance has been published by the Department for Education on the use of face coverings on the academy site. Due to the significant reduction in local and national cases, we are now in a position to reduce the measures that are currently in place for the use of face coverings on the academy site from **Monday 17 May**.

The guidance states that:

- Face coverings are **no longer** required to be worn on site by students (this includes lessons, corridors and communal areas)
- It is recommended, but not compulsory, that staff continue to wear masks on corridors and in communal areas
- Students must continue to wear masks on public transport. This includes the bus which collects students on site.

We understand that some students and staff will want to continue wearing face coverings on site, **which will be allowed and is entirely optional.**

If the local and national cases start to increase, we will review this. For example, if the academy had a number of positive cases, we would consider reintroducing face coverings for a period of time.

It will still be compulsory for staff administering first aid to wear face coverings and staff who are supporting students who require intimate care or are vulnerable.

To be clear, on Monday 17 May students will **not** be asked to wear masks on any part of the academy site, but they may still do so if they wish.

The guidance states that other measures which have been put in place, such as the staggered start times, specific entry points, year group bubbles and staggered break times will continue.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton
Principal

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