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Dear Families of The Wren,

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Prime Minister announced revised advice and guidance in line with Step 3 of the Government's COVID roadmap, which included details about the guidance and precautionary measures for all schools. We have been reviewing these changes and implications for the school these past few days, and monitoring the local and national situation.

**From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, and in line with the new Government guidance, face coverings will no longer be required to be worn at school for students either in classrooms or communal areas.** Staff will also no longer be required to wear face coverings within the classroom but will continue to wear a face covering in all other situations where social distancing is not possible.

In recent months, the school has taken a number of difficult choices and put steps in place to ensure the school was as safe as possible throughout this pandemic and so we will be approaching the changes to guidance with caution: ensuring we consider, respect and check student and staff wellbeing, in every decision that we make.

We appreciate that this is a significant change in our day to day practices and that there will mixed responses to this: for some, a level of anxiety and for others a sense of relief and as a school community, we must be mindful of how we may all be feeling at this time. **With this in mind, we are stating that the choice to follow this change in guidance is a personal one and so any student or member of staff who wishes to, may continue to wear a face covering within the classroom and around school.** We ask all members of the school community to be respectful of personal feelings, decisions and concerns, and ensure that their own behaviours reflect this.

Please do note that at this stage we will not be making any further changes to our practice or the precautionary measures in place:

- students must continue to arrive at school at their dedicated times and go to their dedicated zones;
- students will remain in their allocated bubble for lessons and break times;
- students should continue to regularly wash their hands, and use hand sanitiser as they enter any building or classroom;  
students are to continue with regular testing at home and to notify the school immediately in the event of a positive test result;
- students are to continue to wear their PE kit on their PE days;
- students should continue to carry out a home COVID test twice a week.

We will continue to review all of our precautionary measures over the next few weeks and will inform you of any changes for our final summer term.

I continue to be so proud and thankful for everyone within our school community, for their positivity, their fantastic attitudes and for their continuing support. This has been an incredibly challenging academic year for each and every one of us, but together we have looked to support each other, with a smile on our faces and kindness at the core of what we do. Thank you for the part you have played in this, and the part you will continue to play as we move forward together into the final summer term.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Salberg', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Salberg  
Principal