



14th May 2021

Dear Parent / Carers,

DfE Updated Guidance on Face Masks / Coverings

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. You may be aware that following the Government's announcements on 10th May, students are no longer required to wear face masks in classrooms and communal areas from Monday 17th May.

At CFGS, we will continue to ask students and staff to wear face masks / coverings as of 17th May (except for those who have an exemption), until further notice. This follows a review of additional guidance and is in part due to the so called 'India variant' and the surge testing that a high number of our students, and some staff members have undergone as they live in one of the surge catchment areas. In addition, social distancing cannot be maintained in most classrooms, some workspaces and in corridors. It is therefore in the best interests of all students and staff at CFGS to continue with our current arrangements.

While we cannot enforce the wearing of face coverings, I would appreciate your support in making sure your daughter brings a face mask to school each day and wears it.

The rules on handwashing / sanitising, twice weekly testing and adhering to the school's one-way systems remain in place; an updated risk assessment is being undertaken at the school. Thank you for your patience and support in helping to keep CFGS a safe environment for all.

Yours sincerely,

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