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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am sure you are all aware that the Government has made significant changes to restrictions relating to Covid 19. This letter is to update you on the changes and how they will affect the school community.

- **Staying at home if you have symptoms - The requirement to stay at home if you have symptoms remains – for students and staff alike.** One of the key messages to manage the risks of COVID-19 is to do everything practical to avoid the introduction of COVID-19 into the school. If infection is not introduced it cannot be spread.
- **Hand Hygiene** - Schools are asked to continue to promote good hygiene. Hand hygiene can be achieved by hand washing or use of a hand sanitiser.
- **Face coverings/mask wearing** - It is no longer a requirement for staff or students to wear a face covering/mask in school. Staff and student/pupils can continue to wear a face covering/mask if they wish to do so on a personal basis and we will continue to make masks available on request as we currently do.
- **School transport and Face coverings/mask wearing** - With effect from Monday 28 February the wearing of face coverings/masks on school transport will no longer be mandatory but will continue to be advised.
- **Physical Distancing** - As the general requirement for physical distancing in society no longer applies, schools are no longer required to maintain physical distancing arrangements.
- **Visitors to schools/Parent teacher meetings** - There is no longer a requirement to restrict visitors to schools. In this context parent teacher meetings can resume. We have managed our parent teacher student meetings online this year and we only have the first year one left which is planned for the 7th March. As this has already been set up for online we will conduct this meeting online and will revert to in person meetings in the new academic year.
- Continued use of good infection prevention and control measures such as hand washing, respiratory hygiene, and ventilation is advised.

The reduction in Covid 19 restrictions is welcomed however, we are aware that there are many students and staff who are vulnerable and/or have family members who are vulnerable. Many staff, students and families will be nervous of these changes. We ask that the whole

community be mindful of this and support each individual's decision regarding mask wearing and physical distancing.

We look forward to welcoming parents back into the school and to seeing many more smiling faces!!

Regards

HELEN CADOGAN
PRINCIPAL