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Re: Facemasks in School

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Following the announcement from the Department of Education, from tomorrow, Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff and students in year 7 and above. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the spring term as a temporary measure. Students may still wear facemasks in lessons if they choose to do so.

From Thursday 27 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff and students in year 7 and above.

This decision comes in response to national infection data showing the prevalence of COVID-19 to be on a downward trajectory. Whilst there are some groups where cases are likely to continue rising, it is likely that the Omicron wave has now peaked nationally. There remains significant pressure on the NHS but hospital admissions have stabilised, and the number of patients in Intensive Care Units (ICU) remain low and are falling.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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