



Learning to shape the future

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you regarding the arrangements for learners from Monday 17th May 2021.

As you will be aware, the Government released new guidance to schools following the most recent review. There has also been further guidance issues by Public Health England. As a result of these changes, we are making the following adjustments to how we are working in school.

Face Coverings

Public Health in Cheshire West and Chester have made the following statement;

The Prime Minister has announced that from the 17th May 2021 pupils in secondary schools will no longer be required to wear face coverings in the classroom or communal areas. Due to Cheshire West and Chester currently experiencing the lowest rates since the start of the pandemic we are happy to confirm that we are supportive of this position at this time. The advice will continue to be reviewed fortnightly though and may change should there be an increase in rates across the area, as we are seeing in other parts of the North West. Alongside this, local advice to reintroduce face coverings may be provided to individual schools by Public Health in response to geographical or setting based outbreaks.

The guidance continues to advise staff and visitors to wear face coverings when in communal areas of all school settings. Pupils and staff should also continue to wear face coverings when travelling on public and school transport. We are also supportive of continuing to advise parents to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up their children outside school due to ongoing concerns about the inability to socially distance in some areas.

As a result of this change in the guidance, we will be following the recommendation, from Monday 17th May 2021, that learners no longer need to wear face coverings in school. However, we are also remaining supportive of the fact that learners can continue to do so in communal areas and / or classrooms should they choose to do so.

We will be maintaining all other current measures to mitigate against the risk of transmission for COVID 19. These systems remain under constant review and I will obviously inform you if we do make any further changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this period of time.

As always should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

L. Cummins

