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Dear Parent/Carer

As promised, I am writing to keep you informed of changes to the Covid guidelines relating to education announced by the Prime Minister last week.

Face Coverings

As of Monday 17th May, students are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms in the Academy but may continue to wear them if they wish to.

Teachers are also not required to wear masks in the classroom unless close contact working with students is required. Teachers will continue to teach from behind the red line. Our other safety protocols including bubbles, sanitisation etc. will remain in place.

As the country moves to relax some rules from today, the threat from newly identified variants remains real and present. With this in mind, we will continue to wear masks in busy indoor areas at the Academy. I would also encourage all students to seriously consider continuing to wear a face mask while at the Academy to help prevent the spread of emerging variants and to keep the Academy community and those at home safe. Students and staff must continue to wear masks on public transport.

Testing

A reminder that all students should be testing themselves twice a week using the Lateral Flow tests sent home recently. In the event of a positive result, please keep your child at home, notify the Academy and arrange a PCR test.

Important dates

Thursday 27th May 2021	Year 8 virtual Parents' Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none">A letter will be sent home next week regarding booking appointments for this event.
Friday 28th May 2021	Final day of lessons for Year 11, Year 12L2, Year 13 and some IG students. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please look out for notifications from the Head of Year regarding career and progression activities after this date.Celebratory events for these cohorts are being planned, albeit with Covid restrictions. Details to follow.
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021	Half term holiday
Monday 7th June 2021	INSET day – no students to attend on this day.

Yours faithfully

Wanda Golinska
Headteacher