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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you with an update about mask wearing at WCSA, following the government announcement of yesterday.

The government confirmed that they would be relaxing the mask rules in schools nationally, from Thursday 20 January. They have deemed that face coverings in school classrooms and teaching spaces are no longer advised or required and they have notified the DfE accordingly of this. This is good news for our students who I feel will benefit from having an uncovered face when they are in a learning environment.

However, the government has said that face coverings should remain in "communal areas". At WCSA, this means in corridors and in the restaurant. As a result, please continue to provide your child with a mask each day for them to wear in school.

We will continue to monitor mask wearing by students during the school day. Although the government suggests that the Omicron wave has peaked nationally, the virus is still very much with us and continuing with proportionate protective measures remains vital to protect education.

The new guidance is a temporary measure and I anticipate that we will receive a further update in the days and weeks to come. I will keep you informed of any changes to the rules.

Yours faithfully



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