



# St Edward's School

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13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday schools were informed of the latest Government COVID guidance, to be implemented by next week.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, in line with Step 3 of the road map, face coverings are no longer recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas. As face coverings continue to be recommended for staff and visitors where social distancing is not possible, such as in corridors, we will be phasing the reduction in use of face masks on the approach to half term. This will enable us to phase the adjustment of students to new steps in the post-COVID recovery, as we move forwards.

Therefore from this Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, masks will not be worn in lessons unless a child or a member of their immediate family, remain clinically vulnerable. All students and staff will be required to continue to wear a mask when moving through buildings, or around the campus for the remaining ten days of this half term, and for those students who are exempt, it will be very helpful to staff if they continue to wear lanyards. We will review the use of masks again in preparation for the return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. In the meantime, the law continues to require all students using a public or school bus to wear a mask for now.

In addition, in the weeks ahead, we will be planning a return to a similar school day to that in place pre-COVID, together with the resumption of weekly year group assemblies, and a degree of extra-curricular provision. As we move children through change, we may go slightly slower than society at large, preferring careful management of change over snap decisions.

As ever, we will listen to any concerns that you may have, and if we can assist in any way, our 'here to help' email is monitored throughout the day.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Antram  
Headteacher