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Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from yesterday's announcements from the government regarding Covid-19; I wanted to summarise the latest guidance:

**From today (20/01/22), face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above.**

**From next Thursday (27/01/22), face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above.**

So, at TSFA we will be recommending that staff and students wear face coverings in transit around communal areas (corridors, foyer, AC, Trinity Eats) up until next Thursday 27 January 2022. Students and staff will not be asked to wear face coverings in lessons or whilst sitting in Trinity Eats at lunch or break times.

However, if any staff or students choose to continue to prefer to wear a face covering for a period of time, that is something that we will accommodate also. There is also a further point about the DfE and public health experts being able to recommend the use of face coverings on a local basis e.g. if an area has a specific health concern, so we will continue to monitor this within our institution.

If you have any concerns at all regarding the latest advice, or just want clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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